



## SEMARA

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## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Following the salute to the flag, David A. DeCosta, KD1YZ requested “a moment of silence for all these kids that just got killed,” Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD concurred followed by a moment of silence for the recent loss of the father of Vice-President Jean P. (JP) Chiron, AG1Y and for all these kids that just got killed, roll call commenced with 13 members present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing to report, May's meeting was cancelled due to lack of members present.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

SEMARA Treasurer, Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB reported \$1,895 received from Blue Sky toward last quarters taxes. Spending was \$204. Total assets are \$172,522, excluding the \$12,000 deposit from Blue Sky Tower. The account from the financial advisor went up to \$91,805, an increase of \$825. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer the report to audit.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported everything is alright.

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD reported the painters came they have the paint, they scraped the paint on the ramp, power washed steps and ramp, and are waiting the everything to dry out before they proceed with painting.

- **SCHOLARSHIP**

Nothing to report.



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- **TECHNICAL**

Marcel L Dumont, W1MLD reported ok from blue sky to move antenna that was moved. They are coming. Sprint didn't want to do anything so blue sky is having Netcom do the job - any work done on our equip is done by Netcom per the agreement anyways. Should be done soon, once Netcom is done at Prudential Center they will be heading our way. Netcom will also work on the 80 foot tower to adjust plate and bearings and realign the dipole.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

Nothing to report.

- **RADIO EVENTS**

Nothing to report.

- **REPEATER**

Nothing to report.

- **WEB**

Nothing to report.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A religious letter was received from Maury



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### RATIFICATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

Michael Billo, N1BEE and Brian J. Souza, KC1OIQ motion made, seconded, and passed to accept as new members.

Applications for Bruce Cartwright, WA1UGK and John Reagan, KC1PRQ received. Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept applications.

Note, a quote from April's meeting: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept John J. Regan, KC1PRQ of Sagamore Beach, MA as a member of the association. The membership had voted last month to accept his application for membership. The required initiation fee was not included, but we have since received his payment.

### OLD BUSINESS

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD previously presented "Hamplus" to the membership for consideration. Hamplus which is a piece of equipment that allows us to bring all our antennas to one junction and easily select which radio(s) you would like to connect to each antenna. When the radios are not in use, they are automatically disconnected, and the antennas are all sent to ground. Currently, members use radio equipment and sometimes do not properly disconnect antennas from equipment before leaving. Getting an antenna selector such as Hamplus would provide convenience to radio operators and most importantly, protect club equipment. The only distributor in the US is DX Engineering, and they will be sending informational brochures to the club.

Marcel has been in contact with DX Engineering regarding the antenna switch (Hamplus) has emailed them three times, called them requesting info and pricing, they said they would send info Marcel hasn't seen anything yet. Marcel will call them again to see what is going on.

Tony Souza, NN1D sent Marcel an image of the switch he uses as an alternate possibility.



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### NEW BUSINESS

Lawrence J. Ferreira, WA1GXV brought up ham fair or flea market

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD mentioned: it is very difficult to get people to actually participate from the club, they do not do anything.

What was average turnout for zoom meetings? 15-20

We have enough people to do stuff, but nobody wants to volunteer.

Just because we have money doesn't mean we need to spend it all.

If you're in a club you should have pride in the club to participate.

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Ham Shack Hotline - free service to hook up by Wi-Fi with assigned number with over 6000 hams worldwide, for direct call and also rf bridges to listen to all star nets with 6 digit number kind of like Echolink can transmit as well - some people have audio links to other stations such as commercial - when thing started 20 years ago the club did get involved with it - believe Fred Bacon, N1TF signed up with it, but not sure. Jed is on there from RI. with system and IP phone. Marcel L Dumont, W1MLD thinks our phones already set up

Doug Belcher, KC1NFL discussed Scouts JOTA and other future events, needs volunteers:

Icom partnership with kit for JOTA and other outings, which issue loners and the possibility of the club eventual get funds for go kit for scouts to be kept at the club.

Merit badge over weekends this year jota is proposed to be outside Camp Yagoo, Camp Moses, and Camp Norse in Kingston anyone wanting to help getting kids on the air Oct 14, 15, 16th need to be registered to take youth protection training course.

Fort Adams a place to see who can be connected with Camp Squanto in Plymouth.

Scouts are really interested about ham radio.

A query was made about a banner (public service banner).

Request for ARES or RACES participants as well.



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Grant application is due in June.

Want to do at the locations (not at clubhouse) merit badge classes on a Saturday of event and possibly VE session.

Friar John, KC1QAP - still needs an hf radio used from someone with a generous heart, looking for a donation or a purchase less than \$300.

Jean P. (JP) Chiron, AG1Y is going tomorrow (Friday, June 3, 2022 at 6 PM) at 600 Pleasant Street, New Bedford to assess Friar John's site for future antenna placement.

### **NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS**

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD brought up vacant office of secretary

Scott R. Smith, KE1CN mentioned he would volunteer to run for office of secretary.

A motion was made for nomination, seconded, and passed and Club Vice-President Jean P. (JP) Chiron, AG1Y cast a one vote ballot for Scott R. Smith KE1CN to become Secretary.

Scott Smith KE1CN is now the secretary.

### **ADJURNMENT**

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott R. Smith, KE1CN  
SEMARA Secretary



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## BUSINESS MEETING ROSTER

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- 13 Members Present:

CALL SIGN	NAME	POSITION
W1MLD	Marcel L. Dumont	President
AG1Y	Jean P. (JP) Chiron	Vice-President
KB1NB	Michael J. McDonald	Treasurer
KA1YFV	Martin F. Jordan	Board of Directors
W1BZJ	Michael Ponte	
KE1CN	Scott R. Smith	
KC1NFL	Doug W. Belcher	
N1WCO	Eric J. Pierce	
K1AHA	Richard J. Halliwell	
KD1YZ	David A. DeCosta	
WA1GXV	Lawrence J. Ferreira	
K1EZ	Joseph A. Barros	
KC1QAP	Friar John Mary Risse	