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Elections - 2015

Slate of 2015 Nominees

President:

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD

Vice-President:

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC

Secretary:

Marc M. Dumont, KB1ODE

Treasurer:

Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB

Board of Directors (3):

JP Chiron AG11Y

Dave Dean K1JGV

Marty Jordan KA1YFV

Bob Kelley K1KVV

Trustee (1) [5 Year Term; Chairman, 2019]:

Martin G. Jordan, KA1YFV – *elected as Trustee in December 2013*



This slate of nominees for the election of 2015 *Officers, Board of Directors*, and a *Trustee* was set at the November 6 Business Meeting.

SEMARA Election Day is *Thursday, December 4, 2014*. Voting will take place at the end of the business meeting.

Nominations are accepted at the meeting before the election is held. Nominees must be in attendance and be members of SEMARA. *For trustee, the nominee must have been a member of SEMARA for at least five years.*

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2014 SEMARA OFFICERS

President
 Marcel Dumont—W1MLD
 Vice President
 Joe Krisnowsky—N1IXC
 Secretary
 Marc Dumont—KB1ODE
 Treasurer
 Mike McDonald—KB1NB

Directors:

Dave Dean—K1JGV
 Jean Pierre Chiron,—AG1Y
 Martin G. Jordan—KA1YFV

Trustees: (year term is up)

Louis Mester—W1CH (2014) (ch)
 Joe Krisnowsky—N1IXC (2015)
 Dick Halliwell—K1AHA (2016)
 Brad Paiva—W1BEP (2017)
 Martin G. Jordan—KA1YFV (2018)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Building and Grounds
 Marty Jordan—KA1YFV
 Dave Dean—K1JGV
 Jim Gilbert

Scholarship

Sonny Eddleston—K1USW – chair
 Chuck Moszczenski—KB1FRL
 Alan Dulong—WB1FQP
 Joe Krisnowsky—N1IXC

Technical-Repeater-Web

VACANT —Technical (chair):
 Rick Cabral—W1RJC: Repeater
 Rick Cabral—W1RJC: Web

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Activities
VACANT

ARES/SKYWARN/RACES(ACS)
 Ed Caron—KA1RSY

QSL Manager

John Nery—WA1ESO

Radio Events

Bob Kelley—K1KVV

Tech Talks

Richard Orluk—K1XRN

It seems to me... de Bob – K1KVV, Editor

December is month of lights, snow and feasts; time to make amends and tie loose ends; finish off what you started and hope your wishes come true.

WW1USA will operate **December 27-28, 1500Z-2200Z**, from the National World War I Museum to commemorate the *Christmas Truce of 1914*.

This event is hosted by the *Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club* with assistance from the *Joplin Amateur Radio Club*.

A *contact certificate* for December 27-28 may be requested at **WW1USA.org** beginning December 27 through January 30, 2015.

Request a **WW1USAQSL Card** by mail using a SASE or other postage provided. Postal address:

National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial
 100 W. 26th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108

Nominations are made at the November business meeting, The slate is listed on page 1. Before the election actually takes place at the December business meeting, nominations are opened one last time. Then secret ballots are cast for any contested positions - those with extra names (three in the case of Directors) are considered contested. Any member can stand for any Officer slot or one of the Director's slots. Five years membership is required for the Trustee's position. Officers and Directors serve a one-year term; the Trustee serves a five-year term.

The *Board of Directors* consists of the four Officers and the three Directors. The Board meets four times a year, once each season. The five Trustees serve as executors in case the club needs to be disbanded due to lack of members or bankruptcy. The most senior Trustee serves as the chair. Normally, the Trustees don't hold a meeting unless they are activated.

Reminder: Editor Resigned

I submitted my resignation 6 months ago to be effective with the publication of the *December 2014* issue of *Zero Beat - Volume 50, Issue 12*.

Over my tenure, I will have published 135 issues since I assumed the Editor's position in August 2003, beginning with my first issue in September 2003. It is time for a new Editor.

I will work with my replacement if/when one turns up.

73 de **Bob Kelley, K1KVV**

Editor of Zero Beat, 9/2003-12/2014

POINT TO PONDER

“Words alone will not convey
 our gratitude for life or its gifts.”

~Anonymous

Official Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by the President, **Marcel (W1MLD)** with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 16 members and 0 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the report as posted on the board and published in *Zero Beat*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, **Mike (KB1NB)** reported a balance of \$73,550.00. Last month has expenses relating to the new addition with \$4,150 related to buildings and grounds (\$4,000.00 for concrete foundation), permitting and licenses were \$1,225.00, property taxes of \$1,766.00 and utilities were \$291.00. Total expenses were \$7,434.00. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Membership was updated on cleaning to be needed with the new building and area.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously made to take the tractor to Goldstein's for winter service.

Technical

There was some discussion regarding the crystals having been sent out for repair on the 220 system.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Joe K (N1IXC) advised the past RACES drill went well. SKYWARN recognition day will be December 5 at 19:00 hrs. to December 6 at 19:00 hrs. on the 147.00 repeater.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned several events as listed in *Zero Beat*.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

An application was received from **Brian Raymond (KC1COY)**. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept Brian Raymond as a life member.

OLD BUSINESS

Marcel (W1MLD) updated members on progress and needs of the new building and permitting / variance status. There was also some discussion on the new rotor for the tower.

NEW BUSINESS

FaraFest will be this Saturday morning 9 to 12.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

There was some discussion regarding changing electric providers and potential savings.

There was also some discussion about a Christmas Party this coming December.

The **W1AEC** license becomes due for renewal January 4, 2015. A Trustee must be named for the new license. **Fred (N1TF)** was nominated as Trustee. This motion was seconded and membership unanimously voted in favor of naming Fred Trustee on the license.

NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

Nominations for Officers for the upcoming year 2015:

Nominations were as follows:

President: **Marcel (W1MLD)**, seconded, accepted

Vice President: **Joe K (N1IXC)**, seconded, accepted

Nominations closed for President and Vice President.

Secretary: **Marc (KB1ODE)**, seconded, not present to accept.

Treasurer, **Mike (KB1NB)**, seconded, accepted.

Directors: **Bob Kelley (K1KVV)**, **JP Chiron (AG1Y)**, **Marty Jordan (KA1YFV)**, **Dave Dean (K1JGV)**

Trustee: **Marty Jordan (KA1YFV)**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to close nominations until next month's meeting. Nominations will reopen prior to elections next month.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc M. Dumont (KB1ODE), *Secretary*



Tidbits



SEMARA Repeaters

See <http://www.nerepeaters.com/se.htm>

Freq/Offset FM I/O Tones IRLP/Echolink

147.000+ FM 67.0 67.0 4210/4210

224.800- FM 67.0 88.5 4215/4215

927.8375- NFM 67.0 67.0 4617/ -

Club Numbers

GPS Coordinates:

Lat. N 41° 36.795'
Long. W 070° 56.550'

— 0 —

Maidenhead Grid Coordinates:

FN41mo

— 0 —

FISTS Sprints:

10555

LOCAL REPEATER DIRECTORIES

See <http://www.nerepeaters.com/se.htm>

144 (<http://www.nerepeaters.com/2m.htm>)

222 (<http://www.nerepeaters.com/222.htm>)

440 (<http://www.nerepeaters.com/440.htm>)

902 (<http://www.nerepeaters.com/902.htm>)

50/50 RAFFLE

The November 50/50 raffle was split \$11/\$11
with
Marcel-WIMLD

New Life Member

At the November 6, 2014 business meeting, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept **Brian J. Raymond (KC1COY)**, as a life member.

Welcomee to the club!

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BUSINESS MEETING

First THURSDAY of the month @ 7 PM

Sunday RAGCHEW @ 7-10 AM

Thursday COFFEE CROWD

Dunkin Donuts - Dartmouth & Garfield
S. Dartmouth @ 1 PM

Friday LUNCH BUNCH

Leave for LUNCH @ 12 noon
Gather @ clubhouse before 12 noon
*li you are coming, please call on the 147.000
repeater to see if anyone else is coming – the
turn-out of late has been very light – no need
to be a party of one.*

NEXT VE SESSION @ SEMARA

December 6, 2014

Clubhouse @ 10:30 AM

Contact: **Fred Bacon-N1TF**
[exams \[at\] semara \[dot\] org](mailto:exams@semara.org)

508-748-0047

Successful candidates may be eligible for a 'free'
Baofeng UV-5B HT from SEMARA.

Details:

1. Pass SEMARA VE Exam
2. Join ARRL
3. Join SEMARA



SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD)

**2014 Friday Evening 12/5/14 at 7 PM
Through Saturday 12/6/14 at 7 PM**

The National Weather Service in Taunton Amateur Radio Station, **WX1BOX**, will once again be active for SKYWARN Recognition Day 2014. In addition, for the eighth straight year, the National Weather Service Gray, Maine Office will also be active under call-sign, **WX1GYX**. The *Boston Amateur Radio Club* will also be active as they have been over the past several years at the *NWS Blue Hill Observatory* under a new call-sign **WX1BHO** from *9 AM-3 PM Saturday December 6th, 2014*.

This will be the 16th year of **SKYWARN Recognition Day** and its anticipated that over 100 NWS Forecast Offices will be participating once again this year. A Web link to information on SKYWARN Recognition Day can be seen at the following link:

<http://hamradio.noaa.gov>

Information is also available on this event in the November 2014 issue of *QST* on Page 85.

WX1BOX will be monitoring the *NEW-ENG* conference node 9123/IRLP 9123 system throughout the SRD event from 7 PM-12 AM Friday Evening 12/5/14 and from 7 AM-7 PM Saturday 12/6/14.

Our HF station will be active during the same time period. The bands/modes we operate on will be dependent on propagation and operator availability. We will announce the different HF frequencies via our *Facebook* and *Twitter* feeds as well as on the *DX Spotter*/cluster system dxsummit.fi

The following repeaters that will be utilized (along with simplex) on Friday Evening 7 PM-12 AM and Saturday 7 AM-7 PM at **WX1BOX**. *When you make contact, give your current sky condition and temperature.*

Schedule of operations**Friday December 5th, 2014:**

7:00-7:30 PM: 146.970-Paxton Repeater (114.8)
7:30-8:00 PM: 147.180-Bridgewater Repeater (67.0)
8:00-8:30 PM: 147.000-Dartmouth Repeater (67.0)
8:30-9:00 PM: 146.955-Westford Repeater (74.4)
9:00-9:30 PM: 146.79-Vernon, CT Repeater (82.5)
(linked via IRLP.)
9:30-10:00 PM: 147.225-Killingly, CT Repeater (156.7)
10:00-10:30 PM: 146.760-Scituate, RI Repeater (67.0)
10:30-11:00 PM: 145.470-Danvers, MA Repeater (136.5)

11:00-11:30 PM: 146.955-Barnstable, MA Repeater (88.5) or 147.375-Falmouth Repeater (110.9)
11:30 PM-12:00 AM: 146.640-Waltham Repeater

Saturday December 6th, 2014

7:00-8:30 AM: 146.595 *Simplex*
8:30-9:00 AM: *Litchfield County Linked System* via **KB1AEV** repeater system
9:00-9:30 AM: 145.230-Boston Repeater (88.5)
9:30-10:00 AM: 146.640-Waltham Repeater
10:00-11:00 AM: NWS Taunton will participate in the *Eastern Massachusetts Hospital Net*
11:00-11:30 AM: 146.895-Walpole (123.0)
11:30-12:00 PM: 147.225-Killingly, CT (156.7)
12:00-12:30 PM: 145.470-Danvers Repeater (136.5)
12:30-100 PM: 146.790-Vernon, CT (Linked IRLP.)
1:00-1:30 PM: 146.595 *Simplex*
1:30-2:00 PM: 145.37-Gardner/145.45-Fitchburg/147.39 Repeaters via IRLP 9122
2:00-2:30 PM: 146.685-Plymouth Repeater (82.5)
2:30-3:00 PM: 145.130-Gloucester Repeater (107.2)
3:00-3:30 PM: 146.955-Barnstable (88.5) or 147.375-Falmouth Repeater (110.9)
3:30-4:00 PM: 146.955-Westford Repeater (74.4)
4:00-4:30 PM: 146.970-Paxton Repeater (114.8)
4:30-5:00 PM: 145.370-Coventry, RI Repeater (67.0)
5:00-5:30 PM: 146.760-Scituate, RI Repeater (67.0)
5:30-6:00 PM: 147.000-Dartmouth Repeater (67.0)
6:00-6:30 PM: 147.180-Bridgewater Repeater (67.0)
6:30-7:00 PM: 449.375-Pack Monadnock, NH (88.5)

6-Meters FM**Saturday December 6th, 2014:**

1230-1245 PM: 53.31-Mt Wachusett, MA
1245-100 PM: 53.07-Hopkinton MA
100-115 PM: 51.74-Hopkinton, MA
115-130 PM: 53.01-Barnstable, MA
115-130 PM: 53.17-Portsmouth, RI (KA1RCI)
130-145 PM: 53.27-Framingham, MA
145-200 PM: 53.81-Marlborough, MA
200-215 PM: 53.830-Fitchburg, MA
215-230 PM: 52.525-*Simplex*

For VoIP info: www.voipwx.net .

Respectfully Submitted, **Robert Macedo (KD1CY)**
ARES SKYWARN Coordinator

Nets, Fests & Other Stuff

LOCAL NETS

SEMARA Tu, W, F Evening Nets @ 8 PM

Everyone is welcome to check in ...

147.000+ (PL 67.0) (FM) – Massachusetts RACES Drill (Region 2, Sector A) held on the first Monday of the month, 7:30 PM.

50.200 MHz (FM) – held Wednesdays at 8 PM.
Net control is **Brad, W1BEP** (E. Freetown).

28.490 MHz (USB) – held Tuesdays at 8 PM.
Net control is **Dick, K1AHA** (N. Dartmouth).

28.490 MHz (USB) – held Fridays at 8 PM.
Net control is **Dave, K1JGV** (N. Dartmouth).
Net returns to 1875 kHz (LSB) in the fall when QRN is more manageable

Coming FLEAS & FESTS

www.arrrl.org/hamfests/search

2015

- 15 Feb **Westford MA NEARC RadioXLVI**
Bruce 603 772 7516
- 28 Feb **S Burlington VT RAoNVt**
Mitch W1SJ 802 879 6589
- 7 Mar **Chicopee MA MtTomARA**
Mary KB1ME 413 222 1990
- 27,28 Mar **Lewiston ME AARC ME Conv**
Ivan N1OXA 207 784 0350
- 1,2 May **Deerfield NH NEARfest XVII**
Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235
- 6 June **Hermon ME PSARA**
Jerry K1GUP 207 848 3400
- 21,23 Aug **Boxboro MA FEMARA NE Conv**
Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235

December 2014 Contests

www.arrrl.org/contests

HF/VHF+	Contest Title	Phn CW Dig
	Exchange & Frequencies (MHz)	
	Sponsor's Web Site	Logs Due
	Date and Time	
1.8	ARRL 160 Meter Contest RST and ARRL/RAC section if US/VE www.arrrl.org/contest Dec 5, 2200Z - Dec 7, 1600Z	CW Jan 6
50-1296	ARRL EME Contest Call signs, sig rpt, acknowledgement www.arrrl.org/contest Dec 6, 0000Z - Dec 7, 2359Z	All modes Jan 1
1.8-28	TARA RTTY M��le�� RST and State/Province or serial www.n2ty.org Dec 6, 0000Z - Dec 6, 2359Z	Dig Jan 1
28	Ten Meter RTTY Contest RST and state or province or serial www.rttycontesting.com Dec 7, 0000Z - Dec 7, 2359Z	Dig 7 days
29	28 MHz SWL Contest Log ARRL 10 Meter Contest QSOs swl.veron.nl/swlcontest.htm Dec 13, 0000Z - Dec 14, 2359Z	Phn CW Jan 31
30	ARRL 10 Meter Contest RS(T) and US or XE State/Prov or serial www.arrrl.org/contests Dec 13, 0000Z - Dec 14, 2359Z	Phn CW Jan 13
31	3.5-7 DARC XMAS Contest RS(T) and DOK or special station code www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/xmas/en Dec 26, 0830Z - Dec 26, 1059Z	Phn CW 3 weeks
1.8-28	50,144 RAC Winter Contest RS(T) and province or serial www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests Dec 27, 0000Z - Dec 27, 2359Z	Phn CW Jan 31
3.5-28	OK DX RTTY Contest RST and CQ Zone www.crk.cz/ENG/DXCONTE.HTM Dec 20, 0000Z - Dec 21, 2400Z	CW Jan 15
1.8-28/50-440	Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party All modes Serial or ARLHS number nllw.net Dec 20, 0001Z - Jan 4, 2359Z	Phn CW Jan 31
3.5-28	ARRL Rookie Roundup Both calls, name, check, S/P/XE or "DX" www.arrrl.org/contests Dec 21, 1800Z - Dec 21, 2359Z	CW See web
3.5-28	50+ARRL Straight Key Night General QSO information www.arrrl.org/straight-key-night Jan 1, 0000Z - Jan 1, 2359Z	CW Jan 31