

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of February 14, 2004

Meeting was held in the CPO Mess of the Battleship New Jersey and was called to order at 10:06 AM by President Harry Bryant with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the Dec 2004 meeting as posted on the website were approved.

Officers Muster:

President: Harry Bryant, AA2WN - present
V-Pres: Pete Green, N2LVI – not present
Secretary: John Goheen – KB2ADL – not present
Treasurer: Lou Priestley, N2HQL – not present
Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS – present
Public Affairs: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ – not present
NJ2BB Trustee: Joe Duffin, W2ORA – present

Directors Muster

Eugene Holben, N2WFN – present
Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR – present
Sam Bennett, K2SMB – not present

25 members total present

In absence of Secretary, minutes of meeting were taken by Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR

President's Report -

Harry reported that everything was progressing and that a lot of people were showing up for work parties. He also reported that he and Gene Holben had met with HPA members about several matters and that the HPA was happy with the publicity that the club has generated for the ship.

Director's Reports: -

Gene, N2WFN – gave a report on the donation policy concerning equipment to BNJARS – full report given to secretary in writing.

Treasurer's Report: - None

Chief Engineer's report:

Dave reported that the balance of his report had been sent to the membership via the status reports he sends out each week. In the past, it was sometimes hard to find him during work days so he now will be carrying an HT so that workers can reach him if there are any questions or problems during the day. He also reported that there is a "Job List" book in the shack on the shelf over the HF stations for those who are there when he isn't. Many jobs are listed both simple and extended to choose from. He only asks that you leave notes in the book as to which jobs have been completed or worked on.

Public Affairs Report – None

NJ2BB Trustee Report:

Joe thanked everyone and says to keep up the good job.

HPA Report: - None

Permanent Committee Reports:

Configuration Control – none

Historical Preservation – John, WB2DFB reports that the URT-23 transmitters and the 1051-R in the transmitter room have been permanently mounted and are working properly. An original ship's SRR-19 was being worked on in hopes of returning it to service.

Education/Scouting – Doug, WA2NPD, reports that the Scouting encampments are going well and that he is working on JOTA participation for Oct. 2004.

Finance/Audit – None

Standing Committee Reports

Public Events – Harry, AA2WN

New Year's Eve operation on 2 meters from the ship was quite successful with approx 30 contacts made.

May 22-23, 2004 is set for the 61st Anniversary Special Event of the ship's commissioning. No certificates – only QSL card.

June 5 – 6, 2004 – 4 Sisters Reunion celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the only time all 4 IOWA battleships sailed together. At present have definite commitments from the MO, WI and of course NJ. Working on getting someone to represent the IA on the air. More details at our next meeting.

July 17-18, 2004 – Museum Ships Weekend. Ruben, WA2NBL, is working on the possibility of having ICOM loan us a radio for use during this event.

QSL Report – Margaret, KB2BRR

Total of 11,545 Contacts made thru the end of Dec 2003. Approx 2,293 qsl cards sent and received. \$15.33 in postage fund for qsling.

Station Operation – Dave, WA2TVS

Station had been operating well. Expecting the Sea Cadets to visit the shack on Sat. Feb 21. Members of the USS San Pablo reunion will be touring the ship on May 1 and some will be stopping in to visit the shack. Had a call from the Hall of Science ARC in NY to arrange a visit to the shack sometime in May 2004.

Old Business

Reading of changes to the club Constitution – Section 3- Elections. Discussion to take place at May meeting.

New Business –

NJ2BB now has its own domain and our website has been moved to the new site: <http://www.nj2bb.org> and is now online.

Also our email list will be moving and the current list will be closed. Further information will be emailed to all members about the changes.

New member – Vince Vitullo, N3BFZ

Good of the Order

Ruben talked about the WinLink program and possible uses for NJ2BB– see www.winlink.org for more details about the program and what it can do.

Dave, WA2TVS, mentioned the possibility of a “Bring Your Spouse to Work” day. Tentatively approved by Volunteer Affairs. Further details to be worked out.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 AM