

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of December 8, 2007

The meeting was conducted in the 1st Class lounge of the Battleship New Jersey
The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours with the pledge of Allegiance.
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. (Listed on the Web)

Officers/Directors:

President: Harry Bryant, AA2WN (Not present)
Vice President: Ed Clark, W2KP
Secretary: Ron Cohen, K3ZKO
Treasurer: Lou Priestly, N2HQL
Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS
Public Affairs: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ -not present
Station License Trustee (NJ2BB): Dave Burgess, WA2TVS

Directors:

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR
Bill Bacon, KE2XC

Presidents Report:

VP, Ed Clark, W2KP conducted the meeting.
Nothing new to report at this time.
A minute of silence to remember the passing of Chet Klabe, WA2YDS this past Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

Vice President Report: No report

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Directors Report: - Margaret told us that a letter was received from Joe Duffin, W2ORA who stated that he would like to see the trusteeship passed onto someone else in the BNJARS organization. Joe would like to see someone who is more active be the holder of the BNJARS license. It was brought up by Gene, N2WFFN that we should recognize Joe with some type of a certificate.

Treasurers Report: Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported \$575.83 in our treasury as of this date.

Chief Engineers Report: Please read the updates that are sent to everyone via e-mail. We have had a problem in the past with the interfacing of the HF rigs to be able switching from microphone audio to digital, now there is a "Black Box" available which we would be able to use at Ham-2 and Ham-3, do we want to purchase these interface units? A vote was taken by all in attendance and permission to purchase was approved.

Scouting: The scouting Merit Badge program is moving along well. We do need additional People to help, it always seems to be the same group showing up.

Activities: Margaret, KB2BRR announced a tentative date of June, 7 and 8, 2008 for the Museum Ships weekend contest. No balloon launches in the near future planned.

NJ2BB Trustee Report: - NONE

Public Events: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ is on his way to Florida at this time. He did give the Battleship New Jersey talk to the Toms River and Moorestown radio clubs this past Summer. February 8 to 10, 2008 he will be at the Orlando Hamfest and requests that if anyone from BNJARS is down there would they please give him a hand in setting up the display. While at the Orlando Hamfest he will see if he can present a forum next year. Joe will be visiting other hamfests in Florida while he is there.

H.P.A. Report: Tom Jascal thanked all of us on behalf of the encampment program for the excellent work we have been doing with the scouts and their Merit badge program. The HPA sees us a great marketing tool.

Safety Officers Report: NONE.

Permanent Committee Reports: John, WB2DFB is just about ready to install an RBC radio in one of the displays.

Configuration Control: No report

Standing Committee Reports: NONE

QSL: Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR reports that in the last Quarter of the year, September, November and December we had 582 contacts. A grand total of 24,273 contacts made from the ship with 4,994 QSL cards sent out. Our postage reserve is \$23.22. We sent out 55 certificates for the Museum Ships weekend contest.

Station Operation: Gene, N2WFN would like operators to please place the operating controls back to where they were originally set to, especially in position Ham-2. Margaret, KB2BRR points out that operators are making changes to the setup section of the logging programs which should not be done. She also notes that she is receiving QSL cards with a different mode or band listed that does not match the log program, there will not be a QSL issued in these cases. Dave, WA2TVS has found the two-meter rig that we use on 146.820 for communications for people coming to the ship on other frequencies other than the Camden Repeater. The antenna and the location on the ship is not the best for any other operation except what we are using it for.

Emergency Communications: NONE

Old Business: None

New Business: Lou Priestley made a motion to issue a Life Certificate to Joe Duffin, W2ORA which was approved by the membership present.

Good of the Order: We have a visitor, Mike Trachtenberg, N3DGE who will become member soon.

Next meeting: will be Saturday, February 9, 2008

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM

Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary