

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of February 10, 2007

The meeting was conducted in the 1st Class Officers Mess 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
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): Joseph Duffin, W2ORA - not present

Directors:

Al Alkins, K2SLA -not present
Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR
Bill Bacon, KE2XC

Presidents Report:

Harry reports that everybody seems happy. Next week our executive board will be meeting with the HPA since there are a couple of new HPA members we will be able to introduce ourselves.

Vice President Report: I have enlistment forms for the MS-150 available. The MS-150 is now under new management.

Secretary Report: We are going to try and keep the members alerted as to when their badges will expire..

Directors Report: - Margaret says that we are having problem getting our badges made due to HPA problems with their badge machine. When HPA is ready again we will notify everyone.

Treasurers Report: Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported \$806.00 in our treasury as of this date.

Chief Engineers Report: Jack Shaw was approached to have new security cameras installed but since we have done such a good job with the security cameras why would HPA require an outside company. We have secured two six meter mobile rigs for the shack given to us by Ed Martino, N2PV, thus giving us continues coverage from 160 meters to 440 Mhz.

Scouting: The scouting Merit Badge program is moving along well.

Activities: NONE

Station Operation: Please don't keep the carrier control on the TS-430 and TS-440 wide open, doing so will damage the finals. John Saracen, WB2DFB reports seven radios ready to go on line soon.

NJ2BB Trustee Report: - NONE

Public Events: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ had set up a booth January 20th at the Fort Myers Hamfest and gave a presentation about the Battleship. He will also be giving the NJ2BB presentation at the Naples, FL Hamfest. Museum ships weekend June 9 & 10 with 31 ships participating with the addition of the Midway and the J.Willis Boyer..

Again at the Dayton Hamvention, 2007. May 18-19-20. This year there will be more members attending the Hamvention this year able to help with booth duty. Again we will be presenting a forum telling the story of the Battleship New Jersey.

H.P.A. Report: Tom Jascal thanks us all for providing help with the Merit Badge program and operating the station for the scouts. Tom told us that for the year 2006 there were 14,750 scouts visiting the ship on overnights. This year there are around 550 scouts every week. Jim Taylor will be taking over Tom's responsibilities.

John Goheen, KB2ADL has been replacing all of the mechanical CD players, reprogramming and repairing the CDC players. A thank you to the Radio Club the backbone of the ships electronics. The ship still doesn't have a curator yet.

Safety Officers Report: NONE.

Permanent Committee Reports:

Configuration Control: No report

Standing Committee Reports: NONE

QSL: Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR reports that in December we had 150 contact and January 142 with a total of 21,878 contact since we opened the radio shack and have sent 4,475 QSL's. The QSL money balance is \$28.26.

Station Operation: Station position Two (2) has a new version of DigiPan a multi channel program. We have made our first satellite contact.

Emergency Communications: NONE

Old Business: None

New Business: There will be a another balloon launch in March by the Charter school. Our group will be involved in the tracking of the balloon's flight. Rob Slippey, KC2NLM will be leaving for the Army boot camp.

Good of the Order: Margaret, KB2BRR suggests that we purchase our own digital camera to have available in the shack for impromptu photos that may be required. Margaret will investigate. Dave, WA2TVS gave us a presentation on the subject of signaling communication thru the centuries

Next meeting: will be Saturday, May 12, 2007

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM

Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary