

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 12, 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
Station License Trustee (NJ2BB): Joseph Duffin, W2ORA

Directors:

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

Presidents Report:

Harry, AA2WN had nothing to report

Vice President Report: Nothing to report.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Directors Report: - We have purchased a digital camera which has been used for taking pictures of guests and Merit Badge scouts. On New Years eve of 2005 contact was made with the Space Station and the astronaut was Bill McArthur so we thought we would make a giant QSL card to present to him at Dayton this year. The Museum Ships weekend will be June 9 and 10 this year. A few new ships have been added, Midway, Indiana, we tried for the Titanic but no go. There are 59 ships that have signed up for this event that we are now sponsoring.

Treasurers Report: Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported \$722.91 in our treasury as of this date. Please note that the ARRL does not have original copies of our constitution or by-laws.

Chief Engineers Report: The email updates have been keeping everyone updated. The engine room tour route has been walked thru and a couple of telephones will have to be added. They expect to open the engine room tour some time next year. On the 08 level is the "primary con" which will now be used by the Sea Cadets for river traffic monitoring. We now have a red phone installed and working at this location. The URT-23 still has a few problems at this time. The FRR-59 receiver is working.

Scouting: The scouting Merit Badge program is moving along well, the ship people are very happy with our working with the scouts. We could use additional help from our members on these Sunday mornings. It seems like we have the same crew working each time there is a Merit Badge testing Sunday.

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.

NJ2BB Trustee Report: - NONE

Public Events: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ reports that he is amazed at the progress that has been done on the ship since he went South. He attended the Fort Myers hamfest and represented the Battle Ship radio Club, also gave a talk to the Naval Radio Club. Joe met with Rubin, WA2UBL, who says, "hello".

H.P.A. Report: John Goheen, KB2ADL thanks everyone who helped to move equipment to the ship from the Naval Business Center. We are now working to get communications to the barber shop, the bridge and laundry areas.

Safety Officers Report: NONE.

Permanent Committee Reports:

Configuration Control: No report

Standing Committee Reports: Eugene Holben, N2WFN accepted the donation of a IFR 1200 Service monitor which can operate up to 1000 MHz. This service monitor was secured by Jerry Barnish, WB2CAK from the Delaware Port Authority. We must use this service monitor as per the agreement between BNJARS and the D.R.P.A..

QSL: Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR reports that we have made 308 contacts in the last quarter which brings our total QSOs for NJ2BB to 22186. We have received and answered about 4,500 cards. Balance is \$28.26

Station Operation: John Sacacen, WB2DFB reports that the donated WW2 equipment is working. One RBC receiver is waiting for parts.

Emergency Communications: NONE

Old Business: Bob Prescott who was a radioman aboard the UUS New Jersey during the second World war was shown his old radio shack which brought tears to his eyes.

New Business:

We had two guests attending our meeting, Alan Cronin, EI8EM visiting us from Ireland and the new Battleship New Jersey curator Jason Hall.

Ron, K3ZKO brought aboard the ship George McCormick, N2BCX who designed the disk cone antenna that we have on the bow of the ship, so if we have any problems with the antenna we have George nearby.

Good of the Order:

Next meeting: will be Saturday, September 8, 2007

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary