

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of February 9, 2008

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
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:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Vice President Report: No report

Secretary Report: No report.

Directors Report: - A BNJARS Life Membership and Appreciation plaque was awarded to Joe Duffin, W2ORA at the Burlington County Radio Club by Gene Holden, N2WFN.

Treasurers Report: Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported \$683.83 in our treasury as of this date.

Chief Engineers Report: A new tour route will be opening soon which will pass by Dental, First Aid, Medical, WW2 Radio and the TV Control room/Video Studio. **VERY IMPORTANT**, from the HPA office, if you take down a barrier, i.e. Rope, you must put it up again immediately. They are looking for people that are doing this. It could lead to BNJARS being asked to leave the ship. The HPA is looking for a more secure replacement for the rope barriers located at certain ladders, maybe a swing gate.

Scouting: The scouting Merit Badge program is moving along well. We had a slow up due to the holidays. We do need additional People to help, it always seems to be the same group showing up. We are expecting 30 scouts at the next session. Maybe we should ask for help on the BNJARS list server.

Activities: Harry, AA2WN reminds us of the June, 7 and 8, 2008 for the Museum Ships weekend contest. Several of the ship must use the original Navy radios to make contacts so we will be doing the same at certain times during that weekend. BNJARS will again this year be at the Dayton Hamvention with our booth and presenting a forum.

NJ2BB Trustee Report: - NO report

Public Events: The Dayton Hamvention with our booth and a forum.

H.P.A. Report: John Goheen, KB2ADL mentioned that there is still more print shop equipment to be picked up.

Safety Officers Report: No report

Permanent Committee Reports: John, WB2DFB finished the last RBC adding to the list of 10 or 11 of these receivers aboard ship. John is designing a crystal calibrator to be used with these receivers.

Configuration Control: No report

Standing Committee Reports: NO report

QSL: Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR reports that December we had 127 contacts and January 112 contacts. A grand total of 24,512 contacts made from the ship with over 5000 QSL cards sent out. Our postage reserve is \$15.59.

Station Operation: Dave, WA2TVS reports that we are trying to add digital mode to Ham-3, the receive has been working, there is a problem interfacing the Tx audio from the computer to the rig. The APRS network crashed but we did get it working again, may have been due to moving cables behind the equipment. The APRS mapping has been moved to the new computer and shared with the satellite operation located at the entrance to the shack. A VHF antenna patch panel is planned to help eliminate confusion as to what antenna is hooked to which rig. In the transmitter room great progress is being made by Jerry, WB2CAK as he works on the two 59 transmitters. In January Rob Flory, K2WI provided books and his knowledge to work on the WW-II TPK transmitter power supplies.

Emergency Communications: Ted, N3OWM, MARS operation, we participated in the tsunami operation handling only one EEI message. We did receive honorable mention in the Army MARS broadcast. There will be another MARS operation on Saturday April 5, 2008.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ed, W2KP tells us that the Camden County RACES group has obtained grant monies and are equipping the hospitals in the county with 2 meter, 220 and 440 transceivers. They need more amateurs to sign up for RACES to be able to man all of these locations.

Margret, KB2BRR mentioned it is time to update our constitution and bylaws. Problem is we need additional members to serve on this committee. In asking for people to serve we now have the following on the committee, Margaret, KB2BRR – Lou, N2HQL – Dave, KC3AM – Jerry, WB2CAK – Doug, WA2NPD – Beth, KB2EAL .

Dave, WA2TVS tells us that we have WAS confirmed but need to work on the DXCC so he asked if the DX type people could please go over the files and try and see if we could get the missing cards sent to us.

Good of the Order: Margret, KB2BRR found out that the badge producing machine is out of order again so please keep your paperwork to show at the garage or at the gate if you are challenged.

A reminder from Harry, AA2WN that at our December meeting there will be elections. Harry will be contacting people to serve on a nominating committee. Please keep up your hours and ship attendance so you will qualify to vote.

Next meeting: will be Saturday, May 10, 2008

Meeting was adjourned at 1100 hours
Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary