

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of September, 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
Station License Trustee (NJ2BB): Dave Burgess, WA2TVS

Directors:

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR
Bill Bacon, KE2XC

Presidents Report:

Thank you for showing up for today's meeting, we have some important business to take care of today. The ship is still afloat. There are several events coming up that the committees will be reporting.

Vice President Report: No report

Secretary Report: No report.

Directors Report: - Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurers Report: Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported \$656.48 in our treasury as of this date. There was a \$150.00 donation from Dan Amoroso, W3DI.

Chief Engineers Report: Thanks to all that helped with the ship yard raid but it's not over yet we have to get the equipment below so after the meeting please stay and help out. Those of you that are planning to attend the Dayton Hamvention in 09, I would like to set up a training class just for people that will be in the booth. We need operator for Wednesday the 17th between 10 am to 12 noon to allow a visiting ham operate our equipment. We need an operator to be aboard on Friday the 19th for the ships birthday party.

Scouting: Doug, WA2NPD; JOTA will be taking place the weekend of October 18-19 so we will be needing operators to man the shack. Ed Martino, N2PV is with the Burlington County Scout Council and has been promoting scouting and the ship.

Activities: Harry, AA2WN; Museum Ships weekend contest had very poor conditions. Three of the museum ships were in harms way in Galveston, Texas.

NJ2BB Trustee Report: - Dave, WA2TVS; No report.

Public Events: Joe, N2XYZ; Was down at the Orlando Hamfest then over to the Pensacola Naval Air Station Museum.

H.P.A. Report: No report.

Safety Officers Report: No report.

Permanent Committee Reports: John, WB2DFB; Took a look at the receiver the came from Atlantic City, took it apart and found it to be brand new, built in 1952 and was never placed into service. Works good and it will be staying right where it is in my shop.

Configuration Control: No report.

Standing Committee Reports: No report.

QSL Manager: Margaret, KB2BRR reports that the last Quarter we had 1,390 contacts for a grand total of 26,070 contacts made from the ship with over 5,122 QSL cards received and answered. Our postage reserve is \$38.62.

Station Operation: Dave, WA2TVS; The only thing that has changed in the shack is the R-350 Navy transceiver that Dan Amoroso, W3DI brought over and gave to us and is now located at Ham 4 next to the Kenwood TS-950. It is powered up and has a temporary coax going over to the antenna patch panel, the rig does not have a built-in tuner so we will have to add an external MFJ. A very simple 100 watt rig, we have to get the microphone hooked up yet. Be careful when operating this rig, it does transmit out of our bands as designed.

Emergency Communications: Ed, W2KP; There was a weather activation for Atlantic and Cape May Counties, don't think there was one for Ocean County. A North Eastern storm.

Old Business: Ted, N3OWM, was involved in a Navy MARS exercise this morning with good results until a high noise level came in, he was able to copy a few messages.

Harry, AA2WN, I have appointed an election committee to work on replacing officers at the December general meeting. If you are interested in applying for an office contact one the election committee made up of Brian Kerrigan, Dave Stepnowski, KC3AM and Ed Martino, N2PV.

New Business: By-Law and Constitution reviewing presented by Margaret, KB2BRR.
By-Laws: Mike, W2OF made a motion that we approve the By-Laws. Jerry, WB2CAK second the motion and it was approved by a majority show of hands.

Constitution: Ted, N3OWM made a motion to accept the changes to the Constitution as amended with the exception of the tabled areas. Mike W3OF seconded the motion and it was approved by a majority show of hands.

Good of the Order: No report

A reminder from Harry, AA2WN that at our December meeting there will be elections. At our next General meeting we will be working on making changes to our Bylaws and Constitution.

Next meeting: will be Saturday, December 13, 2008

Meeting was adjourned at 1135 hours
Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary