

BNJARS Meeting Minutes December 10 , 2016

President Harry Bryant opened the quarterly meeting at 1003 hours leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Report:

President had no remarks.

Vice-President Report:

Vice President Rich asked for ideas for increasing the membership of the Radio club. He questioned if the tour guides mention the club during the procession of the tours.

He asked if there could be a sign placed denoting the existence of the club and possibly displays showing the existence of operators to gain attention to the general public and raise awareness. Suggestions were made in general to help the public gain interest besides information posted on the Club's website.

VP Rich made remarks about the OE82 project. The unit is making progress. Work is being done on the drive mechanism for the pedestals which he hopes will be completed in the next month or two.

He then mentioned discussions he and Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR were having of a memorial plaque for deceased members of the club. Discussions were that the names placed would be for members and supporters of the club. An example of the style of the type of plaque could be viewed elsewhere on the ship. The plaques would be placed in the current shack area. (Discussion of a member manufacturing a plaque for this purpose was questioned by Alan.)

President Harry asked for a motion to authorize the club to investigate the cost and feasibility of acquisition of a memorial plaque. Motion was entertained by Jerry WB2CAK and seconded by Beth KB2EAL. Motion passed with a favorable vote.

Vice President Rich finished his remarks with encouragement to upgrade to Extra class for all reasons besides being the pride of accomplishment. Harry then asked the membership for any upgrades within the ranks. Hearing none, Bill Bacon mentioned that the Audobon Amatuer Radio Club sponsors testing monthly. Treasurer Lou Priestly mentioned that testing in Berlin, N.J. is held the second Wednesday of the month excepting December and is free to the public. It is sponsored by the SJRA. The location is mentioned on the SJRA's website.

Rich then mentioned that there are three additional Authorized Operators of the club station. Tom Williams, Steve Huston and Jim Nilon have all been listed since Museum Ships Weekend of 2016 by Chief Engineer Dave Burgess.

Treasurer's report

Lou Priestly stated there is \$1835.00 in the bank, \$146 .00 in petty cash giving total of \$1981 .00.

Margaret Burgess was requested to enumerate the donations received by the club over the last quarter.

W3DI, Dan Amoroso, supporting member, made a donation in memory of his late wife Edwina, of \$250 . He and his wife were very impressed at the time they were given a tour of the ship with great explanations of the operations. During the initial tour Dan was very appreciative of the tour and he donated \$200 to club that day as explained by Chief Dave.

A letter was received from the Cape May County Amateur Radio Club. A check for \$ 50.00 was donated to BNJARS in memory of Leonard Wolanski, WA2BTK. Member Bob D'Imperio of BNJARS also submitted a check for \$50.00 in memory of Len.

A donation of \$ 50.00 by an anonymous donor was sent to the Club in memory of Ed Clark who passed during the year of 2016. Donations this year have totaled \$500. Letters will be written to those who gave the donations to the club as listed.

Chief Dave then stated the Association passed along news of two separate donations to be used by the Radio club.

Chief Engineer's report.

Dave spoke about the telephone system on board the ship. System crashed and a secondary system donated by a member was installed by Steve Huston. Expenses to the ship was \$45 for static discharge bags for shipment of boards. System is constantly updated for its software. A Definity system replaces the system 75.

Dave mentioned that there will be no work parties aboard the ship during the Christmas and New Year weekends.

Restoration Project Report

John Saracen worked on the power supply system for the UQN system in the chart room. He stated that 5 CRT's are being looked at for proper operation for the system. The UQN system is the fathometer used by the ship as explained by Dave. Display is for the benefit for public to simulate operations.

Directors report:

Margaret spoke of bills for materials submitted by Alan for work he did during the past year. The parts totaled \$126.01. Margaret asked for a motion to authorize payment. It was moved and seconded and approved by the membership present.

Margaret stated that the BNJARS web page domain fee was paid. Approval by the membership was not needed as the cost was \$99.90 . It was presented for the clubs awareness.

Scouting Committee Report:

There was one radio merit badge class held during the fall of 2016. Harry stated there will be classes in January, February and possibly May of the year 2017. Harry again encouraged members to help with the merit badge training program as personnel are needed to help.

QSL Report

Contacts for the period of September through November 2017 were 73 logged. This brings the total for the station to 39,128 contacts historically since 2001.

Old Business

Dave Burgess suggests that a change to the bylaws of the club be made to allow the December meeting to be moved as needed due to ship activities during the month of December. It is deemed the meeting is not always able to be held in an area that is not disturbed by the public. Dave will write a proposal and present it the club at the next scheduled meeting in February 2017.

New Business

December is the month for biannual elections. Harry stated that the person in charge for presenting the slate for election was not able to attend but had contacted all persons considered and

received individual consent for elected office. Jim Nilon presented the slate and it was read by club member Beth Barnish, KB2EAL as follows

For a period of two years:

- President: Harry Bryant AA2WN
- Vice President: Rich Enwright KB3NRL
- Secretary: Jerry Barnish WB2CAK
- Treasurer: Lou Priestly N2HQL
- Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess WA2TVS
- Directors:
 - Margaret Burgess KB2BRR
 - Bill Bacon KB2XC
 - Bill Lewis KC2JEK

The floor was then opened for any further nominations. Hearing no further nominations Beth Barnish asked that the nominations be closed and the slate be elected by acclamation. It was moved and seconded and the club membership approved the Election of the slate as presented.

Gary K2GW asked for assistance with radio merit badge college at Trenton State college on January 7, 2017. Rich stated he will be here to help at the ship's station.

A member asked if the club would activate the radio station on December 7th in honor Pearl Harbor. The club is fine with operations on that historical day. Chief Burgess will contact the Alliance's personnel about our planned operations for the memorial.

A general discussion of clubs to farm personnel for membership aboard the ship was held. Many ideas were bounced around. General consensus remains to talk to people and encourage participation.

Harry asked for anything further to be brought before the club. Margaret stated that the club has provided 63,000 volunteer hours since 2001. Margaret also stated that companies will donate money to the Ship in tribute to volunteer service.

Chief Burgess then discussed the need to upgrade several computer monitors in the shack area. He noted that monitors were on sale during the month of December. He made a motion to spend up to and including \$300 dollars to acquire three monitors. It was seconded and approved by the membership present.

Harry asked if there were any further discussions and hearing none asked for a motion for adjournment.

The motion was made and seconded and the meeting was closed at 1058 hrs.

Submitted.

Jerry Barnish WB2CAK

Recording Secretary.