

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 19, 2003

The meeting was conducted in the Wardroom of the Battleship New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order at 1900 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2003 were approved as posted on the BNJARS website.

Officers Muster

President – Harry Bryant, AA2WN-present

Vice President – Peter Greene, N2LVI-excused

Secretary – John Goheen, KB2ADL-present

Treasurer – Louis Priestley, N2HQL-present

Chief Engineer – David Burgess, WA2TVS-excused

Public Affairs – Joseph Cramer, N2XYZ-present

NJ2BB Trustee – Joseph Duffin, W2ORA-present

Directors Muster

Eugene Holben, N2WFN-present

Sam Bennett, K2SMB-present

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR-excused

21 members total present.

President's Report – Special Events, June 2004 – Fiftieth anniversary of the steaming together of the 4 Iowa Class Battleships in 1954. Will confirm the event with the Iowa station operator.

Director's Report – None.

Treasurer's Report – Soda sales = \$55.00, patch sales = \$12.00. Expenses: \$20.00 for postage, \$20.00 for soda mess. Balance in treasury = \$127.00.

Chief Engineer's Report – Submitted via Email distribution (see www.qsl.net/bb62/status.html)

NJ2BB Trustee Report – None.

Public Affairs Report – Gave several presentations to amateur radio clubs while in Florida. Several members of those clubs were also members of clubs in the Delaware Valley. Have a presentation scheduled for July 15.

HPA Report – none.

Safety Officer's Report – none.

Permanent Committee Reports:

Configuration Control – Still working the ship system equipment lists (SSEL). There is a question regarding the planned configuration of the restoration of the WWII Radio Room on the third deck. In response, it was reported that Dave and Margaret are gathering information based on interviews and other sources of information.

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Historical Preservation – Curator-specific project for interactive general announcing system display in the Sailor's Life display area.

Education/Scouting Relations – None.

Finance and Audit – report given.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Events – BB 62 60th anniversary. 7/19 – Museum Ships on the air event.

QSL – Hard copy submitted.

2001-2002 = 8616 cards. To date: 107 Jan, 201 Feb, 200, Mar, 150 Apr = 658.

Total QSO's = 9274.

Station Operation – normal.

Emergency Communications – None.

Old Business – The FT-757 is down. There are currently 3 HF positions in operation.

New Business – Two amendments to the Bylaws were presented:

1. An amendment to change Section 4, Paragraph 4.1, General Meetings, second and third sentence **from**: "All regular general meetings shall be held on the third Monday of the scheduled month. In the event of a holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month." **To**: "All regular general meetings shall be held on the third Saturday of the scheduled month. In the event of a holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Saturday of the month."

John Goheen moved/Lou Preistley seconded.

Point of Order: Can the amendment be approved at this meeting? Answer is yes according to Section 2 of the Bylaws.

Discussion: Reason for the change is that the new meeting date should result in a larger membership participation since the most number of members are usually aboard on Saturday. However, the third Saturday will cause a meeting to fall on the Dayton Hamfest weekend.

Amendment of the main motion offered: An amendment to change Section 4, Paragraph 4.1, General Meetings, second and third sentence **from**: "All regular general meetings shall be held on the third Monday of the scheduled month. In the event of a holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month." **To**: "All regular general meetings shall be held on the second Saturday of the scheduled month. In the event of a holiday, the meeting will be held on first Saturday of the month."

John Goheen moved/Lou Preistley seconded. Amendment carried.

Main motion approved as amended.

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2. An amendment to change Section 7, Notification in writing, **from:** "Whenever notification in writing is required, the use of electronic mail (e-mail) shall meet the requirements for any member agreeing to substitute e-mail for written mail." **To:** "Whenever notification of the general membership in writing is required, the use of electronic mail (e-mail) and posting on the BNJARS website shall meet the requirements for any member."

John Goheen moved/Lou Preistley seconded.

Discussion: The need for this amendment is necessitated by the fact that there are no funds regularly available to pay any postage that may be needed. Also, should any member not possess e-mail or internet access, that member should be able to gain that needed access from a local library or other such public facility providing internet access.

Amendment approved

Good of the Order – John Goheen, KB2ADL, gave an oral report on his visit to HMS *Belfast* museum ship moored in Thames River in London, England. The occasion was the HMS *Belfast*'s 65th birthday which was being celebrated by the Royal Navy Amateur Radio Society (RNARS), Belfast group. At the RNARS party aboard *Belfast*, John presented the group an encased US flag flown over the USS *New Jersey* as a present from the *New Jersey* to the *Belfast*.

Adjournment – 1950.