

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 8, 2010

The meeting was conducted in the CPO Mess. on 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

Directors:

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR
Bill Bacon, KE2XC – not present
Beth Barnish, KB2EAL- not present

Presidents Report:

Guest: - no guests.

Vice President Report: Nothing to report

Secretary Report: - Nothing to report.

Treasurers Report: - Lou, N2HQL, reported income \$20 from soda sales, \$56 to John, WB2DFB for capacitors, \$62 to Margaret, KB2BRR for Log Book of the World Application, which leaves us with a Treasury balance of \$878.92.

Chief Engineers Report: - Dave, WA2TVS, If you have been receiving your email updates you pretty much know what is going on. We have had 5 to 8 people working on Saturdays. The R390 has been shipped, is loaded on my truck and will be in Pittsburgh on Wednesday afternoon on our way to Dayton. We have been getting ready for Ships Weekend. A new operating position is on line called Ham 5, a military radio that is easy to use following the instructions.

Directors: Margaret, KB2BRR reports that we have applied for Logbook of the World for DXCC mixed and sideband and have received our certificates. In the next couple of weeks we will have them framed and placed in the shack and on our web site. Again we have a complimentary booth at Dayton this year.

Permanent Committee Reports:

Education/Scouting: - Harry, AA2WN mentioned that we had a problem with the Merit Badge program but have it on track now.

Emergency Communications: - Ed, W2KP told us about the MS170 down the shore on the 22 and 23 of this month. It will be starting at Monmouth College and going to Tuckerton the first day with the second day going from Tuckerton to Cape May. The need people for the North end on the first day.

Ron, K3ZKO mentioned that MARS has a new name, was called Military Affiliate Radio System and is now called Military Auxiliary Radio System.

Standing Committee Reports:

QSL Committee: Margaret, KB2BRR reports that this past Quarter we had 247 contacts for a grand total of 28,651 contacts made from the ship with over 5,550 QSL cards received and answered thru April 2010. Our postage balance is \$39.92. Volunteer hours are about 40,200.

AD Hoc Committees:

Restoration: John Saracen, WB2DFB, is working on an R390 from the transmitter room, radio has two shorted capacitors in the power supply. In my shop am working on a Heathkit six meter rig with about 25 percent of the alignment completed. Have started to make up 2 or 3 spare harnesses for the R390 receivers.

Public Events: Dave, WA2TVS, Margaret, KB2BRR and Harry, AA2WN were at the Trenton Computer, Electronics Fair at the College of New Jersey with about 90 percent of what we take to Dayton for our display booth. We were invited by Gary, K2GW to set up our display but the attendance was very low so most likely we will not be returning next year. Margaret, KB2BRR reminds us of the Museum Ships Weekend coming up June 4th and 5th with 31 ships listed and five more to be added. More new ships this year than last year. Harry, AA3WN located a badge person who will sell them to members for \$5.00 but they can only be ordered thru Margaret, KB2BRR

Old Business: none

New Business: Dave, K2UDA says that the Williamstown High School is sponsoring a trip to Washington, DC for WW2 vets free of charge but all other the cost is \$75.00 which covers a breakfast, luncheon and a dinner plus a trip to the WW2 Memorial and all the other memorials in Washington. To take place on June 5. Dave is now celebrating his 89 birthday this past Thursday.

Good of the Order:

Next meeting: will be Saturday, September 11, 2010

Meeting was adjourned at 1055 hours

Submitted by
Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary