

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service
Meeting minutes, May 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1005.

The members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read since they are available on the website for all to see.

Treasurer's Report:

The club has \$3309.52 in the treasury.

President's / VP Report:

The Boy Scout radio merit badge program has decreased over the past few months. It has been noted that the scouts coming are much better prepared and normally just need to make contacts to complete the badge.

Director's report:

The website was down for more than a week. We are having a problem with the current host, they now require a static IP for updating the site, which we only have available at the ship, hence Margaret cannot work on the website at home. We are moving our domain to QTH.Com. Although we are not formally a non-profit, they will host us for \$2.50/mo but with this Margaret can access anytime, anywhere. A motion was made and seconded to contract for 5 years of hosting. It passed unanimously.

Trustees Report:

Jerry is doing a lot of work but needs tools and supplies. An expenditure of \$100.00 was approved for crimpers and connectors.

Chief Engineer's Report:

The curator had a visitor in forward main plot. He liked what we are doing there. He inspires to be the last BB veteran on active duty. There are three others he has to outlast.

A DX Engineering staffer visited the ship. He had been a Marine Reserve Officer on the ship in 1987.

We need more animation in the Engine Room.

QSL Report:

We had 134 contacts this quarter for a total of 42,147 total

Restoration Work Report:

The WWII radio is now operational. There is too much noise in the signal, working on parametric alignment.

Stations Operations:

We have currently 87 ships signed up for Museum ships weekend, with at least one more coming. The Electra may have both halves on the air for Museum Ships weekend. We have two operators for overnight so far.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1047 .

Total members present: 17

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES