

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, September 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1000

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:

There is \$3309.52 in the treasury.

Lou said that he had received a letter from the bank stating that they were reorganizing their commercial accounts and may start charging fees on our account.

A motion was made and seconded that gave Lou authority to change banks at his discretion if this comes about. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report:

Since the president was not at the meeting, the meeting was run by the Vice President. Rich stated that we need new members, particularly younger members since the group is aging. We need younger help to keep maintain systems.

He stated that there are some used florescent tubes in the transmitter room that need to be disposed of properly.

Director's report: None.

Trustees Report:

Margaret is having trouble with our current ISP. Due to enhanced security concerns at the provider, they now require a static IP for access. That is not a problem at the ship but restricts what Margaret can do on the website at home.

QTH.com can provide the service we need for \$2.50/month. Margaret would like the authority to switch to this service with a two year contract. A motion was made to allocate up to \$150.00 to purchase one year Battleship Memberships to present as a thank you to the Ron and John of EverTech for sponsoring NJ2BB website for free since 2003. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chief Engineer's Report:

There are many tasks ongoing or needing support. The rotator for the rotor is currently being rebuilt at a rewind shop in North Jersey. When done it will be mounted and the long term goal of rotating the radar will be finally realized. There are no drawings for it so it will be an adventure installing it.

John Saracen is working old radars that were donated to the ship

Rich is working on the OE82 forward antenna

The forward holiday string lights are done. We will be doing the aft string on September 29.

Currently there is no work being performed on Broadway animation

CIC animation project has stopped.

QSL Report:

We started the period with 42,149 QSO's. We added 34 in May, 62 in June, 898 on Museum Ships weekend, 69 for July and 47 for August, for a total of 43,259

Restoration Work Report:

WWII radio now has two operating positions.

Currently we are wiring for TTY in the future.

We need to place a plywood bulkhead to make the space "spiffyized"

The TTY machine will eventually work

Scouting Report:

We currently only have two qualified instructors. The scouts now have a power point presentation to teach the basics. We provide the opportunity for offsite contacts.

Ron (W2RES) said his Grand Daughter is now in a (Boy) Scout troop and would like information for her troop (81G in Hatboro, PA) as to what we offer for the Radio Merit Badge. Her troop leader would like a brochure.

Old Business: None

New Business:

We will have a display at the Gloucester Hamfest in Mullica Hill on this Sunday.

We need to troubleshoot the 2M antenna in the shack

Jerry needs some trashcans for Radio Control.

Good of the Order:

We need to get NJ2BB on Facebook for more exposure.

A motion was made to adjourn, and was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1049.

Total members present: 13.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES