

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, February 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1007

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

President's Report:

- Harry has not yet notified the ARRL of plans for Museum Ships weekend for June 5-6. He may notify them that it is tentative and may be canceled.

Vice President's Report:

- Rich is looking into a plaque to commemorate club SK's
- He is looking into several vendors
- A motion was made and passed to buy the plaque
- Rich is working on a receiver (basically a PAN adapter) for 2M/440
- Rich has acquired an assembly for driving a teletype for the ship

QSL Report:

- Total for 2020 was only 680 due to limited activity at the ship
- Total to date is 44625
- Margaret received 33 QSL cards for a total of 7167
- LOTW entries are 44633 with 11407 matches
- The ship qualifies for DXCC on CW, Mixed and Sideband. She is going to purchase the appropriate certificates
- Total income for QSL's is \$100.50

Chief Engineer's Report:

- There is not much going on due to the COVID restrictions
- It is possible the ship will reopen for tours on March 6
- Maintenance crews have been aboard and the teak project is progressing
- The ship has received a grant for the teak replacement and has hired two more carpenters
- Dave and Margaret are trying to recreate early volunteer files which are no longer available
- There are many jobs to do when we return. The 49 radar has been secured so that no one can mess with it. That is one of the big jobs awaiting. Also the telephone system needs a great deal of work. Dave has found a source for handset cords many of which require replacement.

- Museum Ships Weekend is planned for June 5-6, 2021 tentatively a go. It will depend on how many ships are willing to participate.
- There was a discussion of the status of the "Red Phones" simulation and what needs to be done.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer was not present so no report was rendered,

Scouting Report:

- There has been no activity in support of Scout merit badges. Harry noted that he will be retiring soon and moving to Florida so unless someone takes the responsibility for the Scout program it may not be supported in the future.

New Members::

- Matt Wilson K2MFW of Millville NJ. He is from a Navy family. He has been a HAM for 51 years and holds a General class license, and is a member of ARRL
- Don Huddler N4RRT of Berwyn PA. Don grew up in North Carolina and was regular visitor to the Battleship North Carolina BB55. Don holds an Extra class license and is a member of ARRL.

The next meeting will be on May 8th 2021.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1100.

Total members present: 20 .

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES