

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, May 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order over Zoom at 1003.

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

President's report:

- Congratulations to Dave Burgess for receiving the annual Jason Hall award for volunteer service.

Vice President's report:

- On the issue of the memorial plaque for club silent keys, Rich has two offers:
- Paul's who does a lot of work for the ship already is \$320 for the plaque, it can hold up to 60 individual plates which are \$15.00 each or \$10.00 each for 8 or more.
- Crown is \$300 for the plaque, \$25 per plate for a maximum of 28 plates.
- A graphic of the ship on the plaque was discussed but it was decided to keep it simple since the graphic would have to be so small.
- A motion was made to go with Paul's, it was seconded and passed unanimously.
- David Sarnoff would like to come to the ship this summer to help out with scouting and also with the teletype project.

Station operation:

- No new QSL's this period

Chief Engineer's Report:

- The 49 radar is working
- According to Ryan we still have rules on the ship related to Covid, but if we feel comfortable with two operators in the shack we can go ahead.
- All 4 stations in the shack have been updated with the latest WinEQF. Also they all have wireless mice and keyboards, so be sure to turn the mice and keyboards off when done to conserve batteries.
- Jeff will help out with teletype work
- We can get back to normal work parties but the rule for not working solo below decks still stands
- Dave has been in contact with the Iowa crew and they are very motivated and innovative. They have found a means of getting live aircraft data on the radars scopes on the ship. There was a discussion among the members and it appears that we have a method to do the same.

Treasurer's Report:

- Last report was \$3735.12. We have received a donation of \$250.00 and bills and expenses were 506.92, yielding a current balance of \$3478.20.

Scouting report:

- There were no scouting activities in the last period.

New members:

- Dave Langevin (no radio license)
- Jeff Golas KC3GJX
- (NOTE: You do not need a license to belong to the club. We collect that data for our affiliation with ARRL)

Old business:

- We have a continuing need for 14 or 15 inch VGA monitors

New Business:

- Jerry has found a business that will replace the rubber on old typewriter platens. For the ship they will give a discounted price of \$50.00/platen
- We currently have three typewriters in WWII radio that need new platens.
- The issue of Teletype platens was raised. Jerry said he would look into it. Dave stated that the ship should pay for them.
- We currently have 22 silent keys for the memorial plaque.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. It was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1112.

Total members present: 20.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES