

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, December 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order via Zoom 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.

President's Report:

- Rich is experiencing an email problem getting notices out to the membership. He will get it resolved
- He is in contact with the ARRL SJ section manager. He will probably visit in May
- The assistant section manager canceled his visit to the ship for this meeting..a good thing since we are not there.
- We welcome Rebecca to the meeting for her presentation of "Weird Antennas in New Jersey"
- Annual elections will be held today under new business
- The club is working on a number of projects at the ship

QSL Report:

- Previous QSL count was 48481 since the club's inception
- We had 61 contacts in September, 86 in October, and about 150 in November
- Current total is 48778
- December numbers are not yet in but thanks to Ron D we had many contacts on Pearl Harbor Day
- We have answered 30 QSLs since the last meeting
- We received \$44.00 from QSL's, \$14.00 in donations, \$602.00 for MSW less \$297.00 in MSW expenses
- QSL balance is \$58.00
- This weekend is International Navy Weekend special event.

Chief Engineer's Report:

- We have had few workers in on Saturdays lately to help with projects.
- We have been working on WWII radio cabling and radio maintenance.
- The problem with the Harris RF350 logging has been resolved by Jeff. After much analysis it came down to a solder joint on a USB cable and some corrupted software. All is working now.
- We need Ryan to designate a place to place items to be discarded. We don't want them coming into the shack to decide what is to go.
- There is a scrap dealer nearby in Camden who will pay to take it.
- Ski has been repairing brass keys

- Margaret now has a microwave in her office for heating up lunches for the club volunteers
- Even though the ship is closed for tours volunteers can still go aboard during the week to operate or do projects.
- We now have three digital handheld radios for the club. There will be a log to log them out and in. Reminder that when working on the ship outside of the normal tour route requires the two person rule. IF you must go alone take one of the radios with you.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasury had \$3085.20 last meeting
- Paid out \$202.21 to Margaret for domain costs
- Paid out \$379.14 for WWII cables and connectors plus the Zoom contract
- Received \$305 from MSW
- Current total is \$2808.85

Scouting Report:

- We have a class every Sunday in December except Christmas
- October we had 3 or 4 classes
- November none
- We only do the "on air" portion of the merit badge. The scouts do the academic portion at their troop meetings
- We need volunteers to keep this program going

Old business:

- TTY Dave has been having trouble getting to the ship lately to do TTY work
- The TTY in Forward Plot is working well with no problems
- TTY in Radio Central is working
- Dave is rebuilding the paper tape chassis in Radio Central

New Business;

- It is time to elect officers for the current year.
- All current office holders had indicated that they are willing to continue in office.
- Jerry Barnish has volunteered to take the vacant Vice President slot
- Bill Bacon moved that we unanimously elect the slate as stated, Ron Schaffer seconded
- The motion carried unanimously

Good of the Order:

- We should reach out to local clubs to invite them to operate from the ship and possibly recruit some new volunteers

- When bringing guests aboard we should suggest that they buy a tour, however we may escort them directly to the radio room to operate then escort them back off the ship for free.
- A possible cooperation with the Sarnoff club to support scouting was suggested and discussed, no resolution reached as yet.
- Bob Keough stated that there is an excellent RCA museum at Rowan University.

Special Presentation:

- Guest Rebecca Mercuri from the MORE Project (Make Operating Radio Easier) gave a presentation on "Weird Antennas in New Jersey" which was a look at antenna development in the state through history.
- Contact her if you wish slides from her presentation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1153.

Total members present: 17 plus one guest .

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES