

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, May 14,2022

The meeting was called to order at 1002

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:

- Harry will be moving to Florida in July and therefore will no longer have a physical presence at the ship.

Vice President's Report:

- IEEE has started a project called MORE. It is designed to attract more people to Ham radio particularly younger members. It provides online courses for initial licensing. Once a participant receives their license the program will provide them with a hand held UHF radio. See the IEEE David Sarnoff web page for more information.

QSL Report:

- QSO;s for Feb: 101, Mar:112, Apr:124 for a total of 337
- Total QSO's since our founding is slightly less than 47,000
- Margaret has answered 37 QSL's this period and has a total of \$17.00 in the fund

Chief Engineer's Report:

- Our latest member June Winebrenner is a retired ET Chief. She and Rich have been working on the CIWS ("SeaWiz") panel. They have been installing the circuitry for dummy lights to mimic the operation of the panel. Rich has a demo FPGA board he is installing in the panel to run the display. It is a 16 bit driver with enable for each display. They have installed a 28v supply for lights, a 5v supply for driver chips and a 4v supply to allow dimming
- The TTY unit that was down is back in operation
- We have been promised new digital radios from the ship for our operations aboard. They have not arrived yet.
- A new volunteer Jim Motta has provided all LED studio lights to cut down on the heat load in the studio
- The commercial radar on the O5 level is not operating. Dave is working on getting it repaired, He thinks the problem is a a small connector for the circuit that indicates current position. When operational it will provide real time display of the river traffic to the navigation bridge and several other locations.

- The Ham Shack is getting a new 2M/440cm radio with power supply to enable us to get on those bands again.

Treasurer's Report:

- We currently have \$3085.70 in the account.
- Lou said he periodically withdraws a small amount and then deposits the same amount to keep the account active.

Scouting Report:

- Harry reported that we have had several successful radio merit badge sessions.
- There is one more planned for mid-June, then nothing as the scouts have many other activities in the summer.
- Harry will be moving to Florida in July so he will no longer be available to support this program. Although we have several active members supporting this program we need more volunteers.

New Business:

- Museum ships weekend is June 4-5. We have 79 ships signed up so far, 3 more probable. There may be more. Certificates will be handled as before. There will be no overnights. Operation will be 0700-1700 each day.
- We have three expenditures planned . Only one needs approval since it is over \$100.00. They are: \$99,99 to renew ENOM, \$60.00 for web page hosting and \$150.00 for our Zoom subscription. The renewal of the Zoom subscription was approved unanimously

General information:

- Ron Cohen stated that he will be manning a BB62 display at the WWII event at the Reading airport on the 4th of June. He said that this event is worth visiting if possible.
- Dave Burgess gave an update on The Sullivans sinking. They have pumped 500,000 gallons of water out of the hull and have refloated her with about a 1 degree list. They have patched a total of 31 holes in the hull (so far). They expect to have her open for above deck tours by Memorial Day but below deck tours will be off limits for the foreseeable future due the flooding damage.

Jerry Barnish moved to adjourn, Ron Schaffer seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1028.

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Total members present: 17 (9 physical and 8 virtual)

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES