

# Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service

## Meeting minutes, September, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1000

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read since they are available on the website for all to see. The minutes were approved as posted by unanimous vote.

### President's Report:

- Tom Preiser (ARRL section chief), made a presentation of ARRL activities at the last meeting
- MSW was a success in June
- The ship had one power outage since the last meeting. It was long enough to drain the batteries in the emergency lighting. All members are reminded to carry a flashlight when aboard

### Vice President's report:

- Work on WWII radio is progressing and is very satisfying
- A member of the Gloucester County ARC has donated a tube tester to the club. Margaret will record it as club property and provide a label identifying it as club property, not ship's property. The secretary will generate a letter acknowledging the gift with thanks.

### Chief Engineer's Report:

- WWII radio is coming along. Rich constructed two tables out of wood as operating positions and is working on two more. They will be painted gray to simulate the steel tables that were present in the WWII configuration.
- Next weekend is Chief's weekend at the ship and will make parking at the ship very difficult. Chiefs and prospective chiefs will be aboard from Friday until Sunday. Although we have not (as yet) been asked to not come in on next weekend, it is recommended to stay away this time.
- Dave stated that our subscription for Zoom is expiring and made a motion that we allocate \$150 to renew it. Ron Schaffer seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.
- We have received two requests to become a supporting member of the club even though they do not live nearby but could possibly visit when in the area. One of them made a \$25.00 donation to the club. The requests were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Balance as of last meeting was \$2934.85.
- Lou wrote a \$188.03 check to Margaret for QSO activities.
- Balance as of the end of August is \$2747.82

Secretary's Report:

- Both Dave and Ron S. are recording attendance so we can make sure it is accurate.

QSO Report:

- We started the quarter with 49,400 QSO's.
- We recorded 1040 this quarter including 594 on MSW
- Total QSO's since 2001 are 50,440.

Scouting Report:

- We have two classes scheduled for November and December.
- We need more volunteers to help with the scouting program.
- We have added more VHF/UHF capability in the shack to help this effort.

Old business:

- Jeff has acquired a portable test system for the teletypes. It can generate a loop current for the typewriters to test them. It required some reprogramming which he has accomplished.

New business:

- Harry will be aboard on Sept 20 with members of his reunion group from the Franklin
- We will be getting notified when the ship will be going into drydock so we can secure all loose items for the tow.
- Ron S. asked if any effort was underway to repair the 40m receive section of Ham3. Dave stated that we have received two radios as donations. He has hooked up one but it appears to have a power supply problem.
- TV Dave and other volunteers are working on video cabling. We are repositioning cameras from the now deactivated ship's security system to cover our spaces. The display array is in the CCTV space and can be set to scan through them or select a specific camera

Good of the Order:

- Rich suggested that we man the shack on weekdays if possible for when tours are aboard.
- In order to continue to show that we are a vital participant for the ship, Rich suggested that the club make a donation toward the drydocking Ron S. moved that we make a \$1000.00 donation. Bill Bacon seconded and the motion was carried unanimously
- It was further suggested that individual members consider making donations. Rich or Dave will disseminate information on how to do this to the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 1050.

Total members present: 15.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES