

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service

Meeting minutes, 14 December 2024

The meeting was called to order at 1005

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.

President's Report:

- WWII Radio Room is getting organized, hopefully will be added to the tour route soon.
- Members had the ship on the air for Pearl Harbor Day.
- Rich has been sick and has not been to the ship lately but will start returning soon.
- Anyone considering a dangerous activity must coordinate with Ryan for approval due to insurance considerations.

Vice President's Report:

- Bill Bacon has donated a receiver to the club.
- Members are working on various cable pulling projects.
- We are going to see if the ship will remove the cabinet from WWII radio.
- Rich has built four tables for WWII radio, two need assembly and painting. The top section from one is missing but that one can be used as a workbench
- Ryan has had the cabinets removed from WWII radio

QSL report:

- Start of period total: 51,436 QSO's
- September: 127
- October: 128
- Total for period: 255
- End of period total: 51,691
- In account at start: \$137.00
- Postage: -\$5.00
- Donations for MSW +\$573.00
- MSWE expenses: -\$207.00
- MSWE provide to treasurer: \$-366.00
- Balance 30Nov 2024 \$132.00

Treasurer's Report:

- We started the quarter with \$1889.59 in the treasury
- Ron D purchased an antenna for \$99.95
- Margaret submitted bills totaling \$421.79 for domain, web hosting and Zoom
- She received \$366 from MSW so the net owed is \$55.79
- We ended the period with \$1733.85 in the treasury

Ongoing projects:

- Ron D. reported that the UHF/VHF antenna has been assembled and will be installed when the weather is good and people are available.
- Two HP85 computers have been returned to the shack.
- CEC project is progressing OK.
- Anyone wanting to tinker with telephone units in the telephone repair compartment should coordinate with Ron D.

- Ski has the drawings for the telephone system and is creating a database from them.
- Jeff reported that the torn tape demo loop was working. He will be getting with TTY Dave to maybe get the system on the air.
- He ran the system all day but at the end of the day the motor pinion gear disintegrated. He is working on a replacement.
- Jeff is also working on the middle waterfall tape system.
- Harry reported that the Scout merit badge program is going well.
- He expects to be up from Florida and at the ship next Saturday.
- Ron D. has been working on the 49 radar cabinets. They have been clearing the rat's nest of cables and rerouting them inside the cabinets. Dave is building a new panel and when done all cables will be inside the cabinets
- June reported that the lights have been restored on the CWIS panel but she is having problems with several 7 segment displays. She also needs replacement push buttons for the panel.

Engineer's report:

- No contact logs have been collected since November
- 2025 Museum Ships Weekend will be 7 and 8 June 2025
- All volunteers have to sign the new volunteer forms. If any one has the volunteer handbooks please return them to the shack.
- The remaining URT23's MUST be removed from message handling and taken to the transmitter room
- The extension cord for the 49 radar power distribution panel is now outside the panel. It will be removed when work in the panels is done, and then the panels will appear the way they were originally
- Last weekend Dave and TV Dave were working on the TV feed on the 08 level. The antenna cable had been removed and was stored on the bulkhead. It was reinstalled. A jumper cable had also been removed. It was located and reinstalled.

Election of Officers:

- June reported that Jerry has been nominated to replace Rich as President. He was elected unanimously.
- There were no nominations for Vice President. Rich nominated Ron D., Ron S. seconded, and he was elected unanimously.
- All other positions will remain with the incumbents, and they were elected unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1047 .

Total members present: 13

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES