

# Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service

## Meeting minutes, May 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1005

The members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read since they were distributed by e-mail and are available on the website for all to see.

### Treasurer's Report:

- We have approximately \$1733 in the treasury
- Lou went to the bank to assure that the account was in order and not linked to his personal account
- He was informed that we needed a minimum of \$2500 to avoid service fees, but he has resolved that issue

### President's Report:

- Ryan has informed the club that volunteers are to avoid coming to the ship on the following days: Today (5/10), next Saturday (5/17), Tuesday 6/24 and Thursday 6/26.
- Jerry asked Ryan to keep him informed as to future dates

### Secretary's report:

- The club has received no correspondence that needs to be addressed.
- The minutes were and will be sent to all members I have e-mail addresses for. If you did not receive it please contact me at W2RES@ARRL.net

### QSL report:

- We started the period with 51691 QSL's since the last meeting
- We had 109 in November, 132 in December, 37 in January, 99 in February, 58 in March and 26 in April for a total of 461
- Ending total was 52153
- We received no QSL cards in the current period
- Total QSL cards sent to date is 8172
- Starting QSL fund was approximately \$132
- We received no donations
- We spent \$84 for update on the QSL database
- Total in drawer is about \$47.00

### Chief Engineer's Report:

- Rich has been busy building work stations for WWII radio
- He has complete 4 full size stations for the back compartment. They need painting before equipment can be installed

- Jerry has set up one receiver that needs permanent mounting and cables
- HRO is on the table awaiting installation
- Dave located the receiver/transmitter that was used on the flag bridge several years ago for MSW. He saw the same receiver in pictures of the Slater radio room, so this is a valid addition to the ships complement
- Dave is working on a new front panel for the 49 radar. It will be ready to install soon.
- The big cabinet in site control is not ship's equipment and not even Navy so it must be removed
- Members wishing to operate on Museum Ships Weekend (MSW) 7-8 June should send Dave an e-mail with their day/time availability

#### Vice President's report:

- If anyone wishes to operate at the ship for Memorial Day, please contact Ron D. by e-mail. His e-mail is [DIF120@yahoo.com](mailto:DIF120@yahoo.com)
- Has anyone heard from June? She was working on the controls for the CWIS. We need to put it in order for tours.
- We need to get the two VHF antennae installed on the radar platform. TV Dave is coordinating the project. Need approved climbing gear and coordination with Ryan for access, approval, etc.
- Ron D. thanked all who assisted in the Scout operations this year. It was very successful. Ron S. asked to be placed on the distribution for upcoming Scout days so he can act as a contact station.

#### Old Business:

- Jeff reported that the RTTY project is doing well and is popular with tours
- He had two units operating (#2 and "MiniMe")
- He turns off the breakers for them when not there to avoid damage to equipment
- There was some discussion about plexiglass covers to prevent tampering with the RTTY devices
- Jeff is going to Dayton where he expects to meet someone with a replacement keyboard for one of the RTTY devices
- Jeff plans to take flyers concerning MSW to Dayton to distribute.

#### New Business:

- Ron D asked that since we are doing Zoom meeting now and do not have to meet at the ship, could we possibly change the meeting schedule to a week night
- I agreed to put the topic in the minutes of this meeting. It will take two future meetings to have a formal discussion and then a vote on the necessary by-laws change
- Jerry asked if it was possible to operate the Harris from a station in WWII radio for MSW. Dave stated that the cabling to make this happen is available and it can be done

Ron D. moved to adjourn, Ron S. seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1051 .

Total members present: 10.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES