

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service

Meeting minutes, September 13, 2025

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 posted on the website. In addition they were emailed to all members that the secretary had email addresses for.

There were no additions or corrections so the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published.

Secretary's Report:

- Ron S. has started distributing minutes after the meeting to all members he has an email address for.
- If you have not received them in the past send your email address to Ron. He is good on QRZ at W2RES

Treasurer's Report:

- As of last meeting we had \$1733.64
- We received \$50.00
- Presently in the treasury is \$1783.64

QSL Report:

- At the end of last period we had 52153 QSL's
- The following contacts were made:

May	72
June (less MSW)	6
MSW	587
July	24
Aug	154 (100 by one person visiting the ship)
- Ending balance: 52996
- 22 QSL cards were received and answered for a total of 8191
- QSL petty cash:
 - started \$47.00.
 - Received a donation of \$15.00.
 - Postage spent \$0.00
 - Ending total: \$62.00

Chief Engineer's Report:

- We have been very short of workers on Saturdays lately. We need more to come out
- Worked with Rich on the T368 transmitter

Added a 120V 20A power supply but did not have a connector for it.

Modified with a panel on back of transmitter with a quick disconnect

It powered up but got no signal out

- Jerry needs help in WWII radio. Need to remove scrap from the compartment
- Libby is getting us a 3 shelf bookcase of the telephone switch room to organize the documents
- We need to finish cleaning up our spaces from the dry dock
- Antennae mounted on the radar platform are working well
- Ron D needs some helpers on the O5 radar control room
- He has a new control fabricated but it still needs work and documentation

Vice President's report:

- Ron D. asked for a moment of silence for members and family members who have passed on

Scouting Report:

- Harry thanked TV Dave for taking over the scout program
- Dave said that we need members to participate in the program either at the ship or over the air
- The "On Air" portion usually starts at 9am on the Sunday and lasts 1 to 2 hours
- Anyone with a reasonable 2M antenna within 30 miles can participate

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- ChEng Dave proposed that we change the quarterly Zoom meetings to a weeknight
After some discussion it was agreed that Monday evening at 1900 fits most schedules well
The secretary will draw up a proposed change to the bylaws to accomplish this to be voted on at the December meeting
"It is proposed that the bylaws be modified that the quarterly meetings on the second Saturday of February, May, September and December at 1000 be changed to the second Monday of February, May, September and December at 1900 hours"
Dave B made the motion and Lou seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Jeff Golas:
#2 TTY is up and running. It had been stripping gears. A replacement printer solved the problem
He had it on the air last week
He has brought some new "toys" into the ham shack. It is a new satellite tracking system with monitor and a Pi zero as the operating entity
It runs continuously, just turn on the tv monitor.
If it needs rebooting just cycle the Pi
He has acquired a USB mouse for it and will bring the mouse and an instruction sheet with him on his next visit

- Ron D:

October 9-16 is the 250th anniversary of the Navy and Marine Corps.

There will be celebrations in Philadelphia to commemorate this.

The Iowa (BB61) plans to be on the air that week for the celebration

If anyone wishes to activate BB62 coordinate with Dave B.

Housekeeping:

There is a large cardboard bin at the south tower for electronic recycling. Anything to be disposed of should be taken out there

We have had a problem with the various trash cans in our space not getting emptied.

We now have one trash can at the sign in desk and if it is getting full please empty it

- TV Dave brought Wendy W3NRN aboard as a prospective member. He asked that the membership vote on accepting her. A vote was taken and unanimously passed
- She will file an application for volunteer status at the ship

Ron S moved to adjourn, Dave B. seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1041.

Total members present: 11.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES