# Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS) Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 14, 2005

The meeting was conducted in the Wardroom of the Battleship New Jersey The meeting was called to order at 1005 hours with the pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Officers/Directors:

President: Harry Bryant, AA2WN Vice President: Ed Clark, W2KP Secretary: Ron Cohen, K3ZKO Treasurer: Lou Priestly, N2HQL

Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS
Public Affairs: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ not present

Station License Trustee (NJ2BB): Joseph Duffin, W2ORA not present

**Directors:** 

Sam Bennett, K2SMB not present Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR

Bill Bacon, KE2XC

<u>Presidents Report:</u> We are still in business. Receiving good feedback from H.P.A. for all of the on air work we have been doing. They were very excited to hear that we were having a forum and booth at the Dayton Hamvention. They are sending some items with us for our display plus some coupons to give out to try and get some of the Midwest people to visit the ship.

#### **Directors Report: None**

#### **Treasurers Report:**

Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported \$671.16 in our treasury as of this date.

<u>Chief Engineers Report:</u> There will be a shipyard raid June 6.7.8.9 and 10. I will be away for this event but I will handle the signing up of people. There will be room for five people but we will have a standby position for those that live close to the yard so if there is a last minute opening you could report quickly. Please email me if you wish to join in or be on standby.

In June we expect to place the satellite antennas in place but we have only one trash can antenna that is real the other is a flat plate that will require maybe some wood work to create the proper look, do we have any carpenters that could take on this project, it would be about a 50 inch circle.

#### **NJ2BB Trustee Report:**

No report at this time.

### Public Affairs Report:

Joe Cramer, N2XYZ, continues to conduct BNJARS lectures to clubs and hamfests in Florida.

H.P.A. Report: None

#### Safety Officers Report: None

#### **Permanent Committee Reports:**

**Scouting:** Doug Gehring, WA2NPD, reports that he will be trying a different strategy in trying to get the scout attendance increased, maybe looking into the Weeblos for activity

**Configuration Control:** John Goheen, KB2ADL: The 1MC relay work was a job well done. Computer paging still has a problem. A new drive being installed forward and on the starboard side for a new exhibit which is scheduled to open August 4<sup>th</sup>. The curator is very happy with the battleship and all that has been accomplished.

John Saracen, WB2DFB reports the 400hz oscillator for the Sacom Antenna is being wire wrapped and should be ready this week for testing. The RAL receiver will have to wait until we complete the 400hz oscillator project. Next week I would like to paint the deck in my area if we could enlist some help for this project.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

<u>Public Events:</u> Sunday May 15 the Jewish Center of Cherry Hill will be holding an open house for kids of All ages. Ham radio will be demonstrated by Reubin who will have an emergency bus set up and operating amateur radio. The kids will be introduced to technology during the day. The members of BSNJ are invited to attend. Location is at Springdale and Crescent Roads

Next week is our annual anniversary of the commissioning special event

The USS Cassion Young has asked us to be on the air for their annual voyage out into the bay to turn the ship around.

June 11 and 12 the U.S. Power Squadron will be using our radio shack for communications during this weekend, manly HF from 9am to 4pm. We will have t have control operators available for this weekend.

July 16 and 17 will be the annual Museum Ships weekend when we will man the radio room for a 48 hour period. Starting Saturday morning and running into Sunday afternoon.

**QSL:** Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR reports 75 contacts during the month of February, March 201and 37 during the month of April.

We have answered 230 QSL cards. A total of 15,375 contacts to date.

There is about \$34.00 in our postage fund.

**Station Operation:** Problems with the interlocks, if you have a problem with a microphone or key not working reset the interlock. The most recent problem was with the rig blaster for PSk which has been repaired.

#### **Emergency Communications:**

<u>Old Business:</u> Review of changes to the by-laws. Main question was 4.4 page 2 - voting member for one year and must attend two meetings plus the voting meeting.

Membership participation, must be an active or associate member, put in at least four hours per quarter, or at least 40 hours over the past 12 months

#### Participation requirements

- A- Man station in some capacity
- **B-** Maintenance to station
- **C-** Active servicing as an officer.
- **D-** Provide other services, aboard ship and maybe at home.
- E- Extenuating circumstances such as a hospital stay will be reviewed by the board.
- F- If you are a member of BNJARS and are a docent you will receive an automatic four hours per quarter.

1<sup>st</sup> motion to waive the reading of the remainder of the document by Dave Webb, WB2HVF Second the motion was Ruben Kaufenbaum, WA2NBL All eligible members voting yes.

2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve the revised by-laws by Barney Milstein, KD2VB Second the motion by Brian Kerrigan All eligible members voting yes.

The next job will be to work on the constitution.

**New Business:** From Dave Burgess, WA2TVS, we have to get the 1MC and the dial phone working on the 08 level bridge. The Sea Cadets will be standing watch at this station.

Lou Priestley, N2HQL has only 30 patches left for \$3.00 each.

Ruben Kaffenbaum, WA2NBL has mounted the club logo design that was given to us with our patch.

## **Special Election: NONE**

<u>Good of the Order:</u> Gene Holben, N2WFN mentioned that he will be amending the donation procedures

Dayton: we have a booth, 319 at Dayton and are presenting a forum.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by John Goheen, KB2ADL Second the motion Jean Priestley, KA2YKN

Meeting closed at 1115 hrs.

Submitted by:

Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO **BNJRS Secretary**