Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS) Minutes of General Membership Meeting of December 8, 2012

The meeting was conducted in the 1st Class Lounge on the Battleship New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. (Listed on the Web).

Officers/Directors:

President: Harry Bryant, AA2WN Vice President: Ed Clark, W2KP Secretary: Ron Cohen, K3ZKO Treasurer: Lou Priestly, N2HQL Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS

Directors:

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR Bill Bacon, KE2XC Bill A Lewis, KC2JEK

<u>Presidents Report:</u> May we have a moment of silence for Doug Gehring, WA2NPD who became SK a couple of weeks ago. Doug was a member of BNJARS since day one. A lot of Doug's radio equipment was donated to the Boy Scouts.

<u>Vice President Report</u>: Ed, W2KP reported on events that took place during the Sandy storm. We didn't have it as bad as they did towards the Northern part of New Jersey but we were ready. Many of our areas had the electric shut off as a prevention to trouble. Our OEC and mass care centers were ready.

<u>Secretary Report</u>: Everyone should check their I.D. badges for expiration date. It was then brought up that the ID Camera is broken so any new applications will not be able to be processed but renewals will since the existing photos are stored in their computer. They are waiting for a new Key-Card system to be implemented. Margaret, KB2BRR mentioned that maybe some of the older photos may not be available in their computer.

Treasurers Report: Lou, N2HQL, reported a Treasury balance of \$1,054.79

Guest: No guests present.

<u>Chief Engineers Report:</u> Jason our HPA curator received the Historic Naval Ship Association's 2012 Maintenance/Preservation/Exhibition Award for BNJARS. Jason then presented the award to HPA Board who then presented the award to Dave, WA2TVS who is now presenting this award to the BNJARS President, Harry Bryant, AA2WN.

If you have been reading the my weekly emails you have all the information about the progress we are continuing to make aboard ship.

Directors: No reports.

Permanent Committee Reports:

Education/Scouting: Al, K2SLA mentioned that the scout encampment was down this year to around 12,000 where 2011 it was 13,000 and in 2010 we had 17,000 which was due to the Jamboree that year. We are working with the South Jersey Scouting Counsel preparing for the Jamboree this year. The Merit badge program is continuing and working quite well.

QSL Committee: Margaret, KB2BRR reports that we had 132 contacts between the months of September, October and November 2012. Total QSO's for NJ2BB 31997. We have received and answered about 6,200 qsl cards. We have printed and mailed about 210 Museum Certificates. Our postage balance as of December 2012 is \$39.00. We will be having our booth at Dayton in 2013 and would like to know who will be planning to attend the Hamvention and may be able to help at the booth from time to time.

Emergency Communications: Please see the Vice Presidents report.

Standing Committee Reports: None

AD Hoc Committees:

Restoration:

Public Events:

Old Business:

New Business: Harry, AA2WN is presiding over the elections since the elections chairman is not present today. All of the present office holders agreed to serve another term. Harry thanks the elected for serving again.

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Next Meeting: To be held, Saturday February 9, 2013 at 1000 Hours.

Submitted by, Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO Secretary