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

The meeting was conducted in the 1stClass 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 not present

Secretary: Ron Cohen, K3ZKO Treasurer: Lou Priestly, N2HQL

Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS

Directors:

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR Bill Bacon, KE2XC Bill A Lewis, KC2JEK not present

Presidents Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Vice President Report: Not present.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

<u>Treasurers Report:</u> Lou, N2HQL, reported a Treasury balance of \$889.79.

Guest: No guests present.

<u>Chief Engineers Report:</u> The Mark 8 analog mechanical computer is working. With a pull of the trigger the guns fire and the video shows the guns firing. We are working on showing the shell impacting on the target. Margaret and I will be attending the Gloucester Hamfest on Sunday September 16 but we will not have the BNJARS display set up.

Directors: No reports.

Permanent Committee Reports:

<u>Education/Scouting:</u> Harry, AA2WN reporting for Ed, N2PV, we have had groups of 5 to 20 scouts with Dave, KC3AM in the shack, Ron, K3ZKO on the air, with Ed, N2PV Ted, N3OWM and Doug, WA2NPD teaching the classes. We don't have many scouts during the summer months.

QSL Committee: Margaret, KB2BRR reports that we had 1,286 contacts between the months of May and August 2012, this total includes Museum Ships Weekend's 1,106 contacts. Total QSO's for NJ2BB 31865. We have received and answered about 6,107 qsl cards. Our postage balance as of August is \$43.92

Emergency Communications: None

Standing Committee Reports: None

AD Hoc Committees:

<u>Restoration:</u> John, WB2DFB – the spectrum analyzer is ready for service, tracking generator has been rebuilt and we are working on the depth recorder.

<u>Public Events:</u> Harry, AA2WN reports Museums Ships weekend was successful with 99 ships accounted for, thought the lowa would be on but it didn't happen, maybe next year.

Old Business: Ted, N3OWM is retiring from work and expects to now have additional time for ship work

<u>New Business:</u> Rich, KB3NRL.has been assigned the task of preparing for elections at our December meeting. He may be contacting members to see if they would like to serve on the Board.

Harry received an email from Jason our HPA curator, he was proud to announce to the BNJARS members that we have received the Historic Naval Ship Association's 2012 Maintenance/Preservation/Exhibition Award. The award will be presented at the next HPA board meeting.

Dave, KC3AM mentioned that he toured the USS Wisconsin and was disappointed at what was open to the public for viewing which was the weather deck and the War Room.

Bob, N4ZAT was in Germany operating aboard the German submarine U-95 during the Museums Ships Weekend.

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Next Meeting: To be held, Saturday December 8, 2012 at 1000 Hours.

Submitted by, Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO Secretary