

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service

Meeting minutes, February 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1004

The members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read since they are available on the website for all to see.

President's Report:

- The weather has been good to us. We did not have to cancel the meeting this year due to snow.
- The ship has not been reliably notifying us of upcoming Scout merit badge sessions. Last month Harry was notified Friday for a Sunday session, and he was out of town and others were not available.

Treasurer's Report:

- As of last meeting we had \$3373.52 in all accounts.
- Lou received \$237.00 last month from QSL
- He disbursed \$59.40 for website expenses
- Total today is \$3551.12 in the treasury

Director's report:

- The radio club has given 69,200 volunteer hours to the ship so far. It appears that we should reach 70,000 by the end of the year
- Margaret has been moving the mailing list for Museum Ships to the new website. Currently she has 137 contacts recorded and we already have 20 ships signed up for the event. Museum ships weekend is June 6-7 2020.

Chief Engineer's Report:

- Replacement of the shell hoist in turret 2 is complete. It is now fully functional
- Ron DeFalco is working on CEC animation. He has the system running fine and working on video displays. We need 14 inch VGA monitors. Ron is working on the lights on the status panels.
- Two volunteers (not from radio) were on the powder deck in turret 2 polishing brass when one had a medical problem, fell and sustained a head injury. The telephone nearby did not work to call for help. The other worker went to the quarterdeck for help and the injured party is recovering. The actions resulting from this incident are: 1) Dave has repaired the telephone and it is now functioning, and 2) the ship stresses that no one is to work off the tour route without a companion
- Dave will be calling for a work party to change the lights as soon as we get a nice Saturday.
- The 49 radar is behind schedule but we should meet the target of operation before July 4th

WWII Radio:

- The ground on the patch panel has been tightened up resulting in a much quieter received signal
- Jerry is expanding the display into the 2nd room to further show the WWII radio configuration

QSL Report:

- Margaret has received and replied to 31 QSL cards since the last meeting.
- We now have over 44,000 contacts since inception of the club
- She has the final \$145.00 from Museum Ships to turn in to treasury
- She has \$92.50 in the stamp fund which is too much, so she intends to reduce it to treasury

TV Status:

- Dave S. said the TV station is working well. He has installed a new antenna.
- The ATV is up and running again with the antenna pointed at a repeater in Upper Darby. It is mostly used when the Scouts are aboard.

Scouting Report:

- We have pared down the program to just the on-air activities since the scouting program now has sufficient material for the instruction phase

Restoration work:

- 3 radios are being restored and returned to function
- The RA07 was disassembled, cleaned and has had one capacitor replaced. It is now operational
- The ANSR/11A was cleaned and needs calibration
- The 751 needs to be calibrated and will then be put in service

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 1041 .

Total members present: 17 plus one prospective member

Respectfully submitted:

Ron Schaffer W2RES