

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, September 10, 2022

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 available on the website for all to see.

President's Report:

- Rich Enright reported that Harry Bryant had resigned as President and in accordance with the by-laws appointed him to be interim president. An election will be held at the next meeting to elect a permanent President. The status was accepted unanimously.
- A nominating committee will be formed to elect a new vice president and refresh all other offices.
- The David Sarnoff radio club visited the ship in August. They are looking to encourage more people, particularly young people to develop an interest in Ham Radio. They made a donation to BNJARS.

QSL Report:

- Previous QSO total was 46982. We had 257 QSOs in May, 226 in June exclusive of the MSW, 765 on MSW, , 176 in July and 75 in August to bring our total to 48481.
- We received 115 QSL cards for a total of 7982 since the club was formed
- QSL account started with \$32.00, we received \$17.00 and spend \$5.00 on postage leaving a total of \$44.00

Chief Engineer's Report:

- The Site System Control panel is being brought up to speed by Jim Motta. He has been replacing displays and is now repairing tape decks.
- TTY Dave's workshop has been cleared of debris and unused items
- Dave found a Army Green heavy duty VHF/UHF yagi antenna behind a cabinet there. It is available.
- There is a box of old HT's in Margaret's office. Dave is trying to clear our spaces of unwanted stuff. They are available to anyone who can use them.
- The old Ericson radios are now obsolete and have to go. Anyone who wants them can have them.
- Shelves in the forward starboard void are available for long term storage. See Dave for the key. Also the light fixtures in there are now fully operable so you can see.
- A narrow drawer file cabinet with the ship's medical inventory has been found in there. Ryan is interested if we can get it out of the void. Ron D said we will get it out for him.

- If you have debris or unwanted items in your areas make a list and give it to Dave so disposal can be arranged.

Treasurer's report:

- Previous balance was \$3085.75. We received a donation of \$25.00 from the Sarnoff club when they visited. The current total is \$3110,75.

Scouting report:

- No recent activity.
- We have a few merit badge activities coming up in the future.
- We need more volunteers to run this program. You must submit a form for screening before you can participate.

Old business: None.

New business:

- The old refrigerator in Margaret's office is gone. A small dorm style refrigerator was moved in with a pedestal but has some Cry glue spills that are difficult to clean up. Also the gasket is black with mold and would cost \$80 to \$100 to replace. A motion was made to purchase a new refrigerator for no more than \$250.00. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The ship's galley is now permanently closed for visitors. It will only be used to support encampments. The new food service at the ticket office on the pier is open for anyone desiring to purchase food.
- The question of whether we need a microwave for the club for heating lunches. A motion was made and passed to look into this and spend no more than \$150.00 for one.
- All the lights in WWII radio are now LED.
- Jeff Golas was appointed as the nominating committee. He will contact all present officers by email to see if they wish to continue in their respective positions. He will then contact active members by telephone for further nominations.
- Jerry would like a 24 our clock in WWII radio. A motion was made and passed to purchase one for up to \$100.00.
- Jerry needs about 200 feet of RG8x cable and about a dozen connectors to rewire WWII radio. A motion was made and passed for Ron D to acquire them at the Gloucester County hamfest at the best price available.
- Bob Keough stated that the Gloucester County ARC hamfest is on 9/11/22. He said that some of their members have expressed an interest in visiting the ship and possibly operating. Dave said they are more than welcome but asked to limit it to no more than 8 at a time with no more than 4 operating at any given time. They are to contact Dave Burgess to arrange the visit.
- Rich stated that we should contact all local clubs to see if they are interested in visiting. This could generate more members for BNJARS.

- Ron D asked if he could have one of the 8 inch CRT monitors on the shelf in the TV studio for CEC. Dave said yes.
- Ron D said the NJ2BB website could use some updating . All were asked to sent their thoughts on this to Margaret.
- Jeff said that as a new member he could have used some literature to help him orient to the ship, at least directions to get to the shack and some basic information about the ship.
- Rich stated that our Public Information Officer position is currently open and that could be a task for that person. Jeff volunteered to try it out.

Good of the Order:

- Rich proposed that we do something to acknowledge the service Harry Bryant has provided to the club. It was proposed that a plaque with a piece of the teak decking be acquired and presented to him. Dave will talk to Ryan about this.

The meeting was adjourned at 1111.

Total members present: 17 .

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES