

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, 02/11/2023

The meeting was called to order at 1000

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.

The meeting convened in the Chief's mess since the key to the conference room (aka Distant Learning) was unavailable.

The meeting was chaired by the VP Jerry Barnish since the President Rich Enwright was not present

Vice president's report:

- There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report:

- We received a \$100 donation. The current treasury is \$2933.85

QSO report:

- We have had 309 QSO's since the last meeting, 201 in December and 108 in January
- We have received and answered 47 QSL cards since the last report for a total of 8059 QSL cards since 2001
- Total money in the QSL account is \$58.00. We received \$2.00 since the last report (we do not ask for money with QSL cards but some send it anyway)
- Balance of the QSL account as of Jan 31, 2023 is \$60.00

Engineer's report:

- The Zoom portion of the meeting was canceled since we could not use the conference room (formerly Distant Learning)
- Electrical/computer salvage is being collected at the south tower. A salvage company was scheduled to pick it up last week but did not show.
- The demolition of the site studio and control room is complete. New cameras and LED lights are being installed. New cabling is being run.
- In the room behind Rich Rauth's office are three non-operable consoles. We were going to salvage them but found that the Wisconsin can use them. Representatives from the Wisconsin will come to get them.
- The electrician is slowly working to install new outlets in the shack
- Bob D'Imperio donated an 801H linear for HAM2. It will be installed soon.
- Ron DiFalco reported that CEC is alive and well. He will be re-lamping in May to get ready for the resumption of daily tours. He stated that staying with incandescent lamps is cheaper than investing in LEDs at this time.

- Rich Rauth is restoring the Chaparell launch panels. He is surprised that one of the LEDs in the restored panel has already failed. It was suggested to check the bus voltage in the panels to see if the resistor on the LED is correct.
- Jeff Golas suggested that we look to pinball machine suppliers. They have direct replacement LEDs relatively cheap.
- We are looking to restore the strobe flashers on the helicopter. There is no longer an electrical supply nearby. Dave is looking into a solar/battery option if Ryan agrees that it will not affect the aesthetic of the display.
- Ryan found the launch keys for the Tomahawk. It is planned that a small safe will be obtained and set up as a display with plexiglass to protect the keys.
- Our spaces are looking good. Keep the cleanup going.
- Ron DiFalco suggested that if you have something that you want to keep but are not ready to use it, bag it and tag it "DO NOT DISCARD" and your name.

Museum Ships Weekend:

- So far 44 ships have signed up
- Margaret has been contacted by the Canadian Naval Reserve that it is the 100th anniversary of the Naval Reserve, and they would like to participate using sea cadets operating from buildings at the Naval Reserve Center that are named for ships.
- We are considering allowing this as a one time exception to the "ship" rule if there are no objections, but any contacts with them WILL NOT count towards MSW contacts.

Old business:

- None

New Business:

- June stated that the waterline light has been repaired. She asked Dave to find out from Ryan what he wants to do with it.
- Jerry said that the chairs in the WWII radio room keep going missing. Ryan is working on getting authentic period chairs since the company that originally manufactured them is still in business.
- Jerry requested an electrical outlet be installed in the partition between the two spaces in WWII radio so he does not have to run extension cords. Dave said it would be done.
- Bob D'Imperio donated a Vibroflex key. It is on display in WWII Radio
- The shack needs cleaning but the staff cannot get in there unless a member is present. Most present volunteered to be available if called.
- Ron DiFalco said that phone repair is currently paused, but there is enough stock or repaired phones available.

Ron Schaffer moved to adjourn, Ron DiFalco seconded, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1036 .

Total members present: 12

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES