

# **Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)**

## **Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of September 11, 2004**

The meeting was conducted in the CPO Mess of the Battleship New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order at 1006AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2004, were approved as corrected and shall be posted on the BNJARS website.

A moment of silence was observed for all the victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

### Officers Muster

President – Harry Bryant, AA2WN-excused

Vice President – Peter Greene, N2LVI-present

Secretary – John Goheen, KB2ADL-present

Treasurer – Louis Priestley, N2HQL-present

Chief Engineer – David Burgess, WA2TVS-present

Public Affairs – Joseph Cramer, N2XYZ-present

NJ2BB Trustee – Joseph Duffin, W2ORA-present

### Directors Muster

Eugene Holben, N2WFN-present

Sam Bennett, K2SMB-present

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR-present

21 members present; 3 guests present = 24 total.

President's Report – Written report submitted.

Director's Report – None.

Treasurer's Report – Balance in treasury = \$616.68.

Chief Engineer's Report – BNJARS restoration status submitted via email distribution. Reminded members of the upcoming Philadelphia inactive ship visit the week of October 18. Sold several patches and QSL cards at the Gloucester County ARC Hamfest in August.

NJ2BB Trustee Report – Keep up the good work. BNJARS has been receiving many QSL cards.

Public Affairs Report – Visited three clubs and several hamfests. See e-mail reports for details. Joe noted that there were no highway signs directing visitors from outside the area to the Battleship.

HPA Report – None.

Safety Officer's Report – None. Lou reminded members of the two-man rule when in remote areas and the need for flashlights.

### Permanent Committee Reports:

Configuration Control – None.

Historical Preservation – None.

Restoration and Maintenance – See e-mail report. Worked on audio on the RBB. The URA-38 antenna coupler still has a problem.

Education/Scouting Relations – Doug, WA2NPD, reported on Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) scheduled for 16 & 17 October: Invitations have been sent to the Old Colony District, which consists of Camden, Gloucester and Salem Counties. There will be patches, etc., available. The participating Troops have been limited to 15 Scouts each.

Finance and Audit – None.

### Standing Committee Reports

Public Events – JOTA 16 & 17 October

QSL – Report filed. Displayed new BNJARS QSL cards. Postage fund balance is \$25. The Four Sisters (battleships) event was a huge success; total contacts – 1628. There were problems working BB 61 USS Iowa group. Five hams got all four ships, and will get certificates on canvas. Fifty-one got three ships, and 20 have sent logs. They will receive regular certificates.

Station Operation – Normal. Due to the many changes in the station operating area, Dave discussed the need for an Authorized Operator refresher course.

Emergency Communications – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business – In order to prepare for the upcoming BNJARS Officers election, the nominating committee of Ruben Kafenbaum, WA2NBC (chairman); Eugene Holben, N2WFN; and John Goheen, KB2ADL, was appointed. Discussed shack visitor policy.

Good of the Order – Pete Greene reported on the Volunteer Committee meeting. At the meeting it was stressed that the general ship cleanup, including operating spaces and the tour routes, is conducted on the first Tuesday of the month, 0700 to 0900.

### Affiliated Organization reports:

ARRL: The League remains adamantly opposed to BPL operation. The illegal radio operation of a Chinese restaurant on the ham bands has been terminated.

DVRC: License and upgrade classes will begin 20 September at Haddon Township Adult School.

Military Radio Club Association: Radio Fest Friday/Saturday, 17/18 September.

Adjournment – 1058.