

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of February 14, 2009

The meeting was conducted in the CPO Mess of 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
Secretary: Ron Cohen, K3ZKO
Treasurer: Lou Priestly, N2HQL
Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS

Directors:

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR
Bill Bacon, KE2XC
Beth Barnish, KB2EAL

Presidents Report:

I don't have much to report at this time. The ship is now open again for tours and the lights are all on again.
Jerry, WB2CAK introduced his fellow worker Gary Fox who is not a ham at this time.

Vice President Report: No report

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurers Report: Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported that we now have \$889.98 plus just in to us \$80.00 for a total of \$978.98 in our treasury as of this date.

Chief Engineers Report: No update this week. We have 2 cables run to the WWII radio shack from the transmitter room, one for an antenna and the other a control cable so that some day we will be able to control the transmitter room equipment. Here we are 8 years of work and we are getting closer to bringing the radio room back on line as it was 60 years ago. A year ago I had asked HPA how they were going to prepare for the digital TV transition with a response from them of excuses why it wouldn't be feasible to have them prepare for the DTV. Two weeks ago the new CEO wanted to know what could be done to provide DTV to the ship so we purchased a couple of DTV converters for the ship. Small project still going on around the ship. Ray, WB2NBJ has repaired the FRR-59 HF receiver, thinks it may have just been a wire off the audio output transformer.

Directors: Margaret, KB2BRR says that we have applied for a booth again this year at the Dayton Hamvention and we are now waiting for the acceptance form to come in. Our booth number this year will be 362. Beth, KB2EAL says that she and Margaret, KB2BRR are working hard in the Avionics area straightening things out to make locating parts when needed much faster.

Permanent Committee Reports:

Education/Scouting: Doug, WA2NPD has turned the Scouting operation over to Ed, N2PV with the approval of the BNJARS Board of Directors. We still need additional people to help with teaching the Scout classes aboard ship. Doug tells us that the HPA web site has some incorrect information concerning the Scouting program and should be changed. The group recognized with applause for all the work Doug has done with the scouting program over the years.

Activities: NJ2BB Trustee Report: - Dave, WA2TVS; No report.

Public Events: Harry, AA2WN reminds us of our Dayton Hamfest booth, May 15, 16 and 17. If anyone is planning to attend the Hamvention and would like to help out in the booth please let us know so we can put you in the schedule. Dave, WA2TVS says that we will be having training on Saturdays for booth duty. It's good to have answers for the questions that are asked at the booth. Museum Ships weekend is June 6 and 7 this year.

H.P.A. Report: No report.

Safety Officers Report: No report.

AD Hoc Committees: John, WB2DFB; I've moved calibration equipment down to the radio room and am performing my final calibration on all radios to bring them up to Navy standards.

Configuration Control: No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

QSL Manager: Margaret, KB2BRR reports that the last Quarter we had 132 contacts for a grand total of 26,337 contacts made from the ship with over 5,300 QSL cards received and answered through December 2008. Our postage balance is \$50.62. We are now on, "Logbook of the World" with our logs.

Station Operation: No Report.

Emergency Communications: Ed, W2KP, has nothing to report except he sees South Jersey Counties spending monies on the D-STAR amateur radio system.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Eugene, N2WFN mentions that the club has received 300 pieces of donated equipment as of this date.

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Dave, WA2TVS; presented a lecture on the German WW2 code machine called the Enigma.

Next meeting: will be Saturday, May 9, 2009

JerryKB2CAK made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Beth, KB2AEL seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 1120 hours
Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary