Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, December 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1000 (via Zoom)

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

President's report:

Harry stated that there have been no requests for scout radio merit badges, which is quite understandable. He expects a surge in them once things open up again.

Harry noted that we had decided at the last meeting to forgo elections and that all present officers will remain in office.

Vice-President's Report:

Rich stated that he tried to hear any transmissions from the ship when we were there but could not.

Treasurer's Report:

The club currently has \$3735.12 in the treasury.

Chief Engineer's Report:

The 49 radar was successfully rotated using a temporary control rig. There is still work to be done to get it fully operations;

The reason for the "stay away" order was that one of the maintenance personnel had been in contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19 so access to the ship for all but essential personnel was restricted as a precaution. He expets that we will have limited access once again in February or March. Due to a medical condition, Dave will not be controlling access himself. We are to contact Elena directly if we wish access with an information copy to Dave.

Pete Greene has offered to build an adapter for the Harris so HAM microphones can be used on it. This will make it more accessible for normal useage.

QSL Report:

Our current total is 44352. Even with limited access to the ship, we managed to do 102 in September, 103 in October and 68 in November.

We have received 50 QSL requests, primarily from the 11/11 activation and they have all been satisfied.

Margaret has received \$90.50 for QSLs plus an additional \$20.00 donation to the club..

Old Business:

We are still in need of 14" computer monitors to replace old monitors as they fail. We discussed the use of 15" monitors and they are a possibility if the screen is removed from the case, however 14" is much preferred.

New Business:

The club has received three membership applications recently:

Don Hutler from Berwin, PA

Robert Dederian from Bridgeton, NJ

Matt Wilson from Millville NJ

We welcome the interest in expanding our membership.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1048

Total members present: 18.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES