

Shore Points Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the meeting held April 18, 2013
at the Brigantine Community Center

The meeting commenced at 7:35 P.M with the Pledge of Allegiance. Eight voting members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on March 21, 2013, were read by the club secretary, David Holmes. The minutes were amended and a vote to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

The financial report was read by our treasurer, Bob Webb, giving a full accounting of the clubs finances. There was \$62.00 in PayPal and \$506.59 in the club's bank account.

The floor was then opened to old business.

Field Day was discussed. It was pointed out that the tables, chairs and generators from the city had not yet been locked in, Rick has the banner and frequency usage will be dependent upon whoever is there with the highest grade of license. Questions were raised such as: Who has the BBQ? What are we doing about food, tarps, extension cords and gas for the generator? Why does our permit only say till 5 O'clock on Saturday and Sunday when it is a 24 hour event?

Rick Hitchen then submitted a completed membership application on behalf of Ken Iwashika who was unable to attend the meeting thus raising Ken from a provisional member in good standing to a full member in good standing.

The floor was then opened to new business.

Club President Gary Paul addressed a situation concerning former club member Frank Battisick. Gary explained the situation and the actions that Gary and David took to resolve it and then David read the letter that was sent to Frank along with a refund on his club dues for the 2012 year. The resolution to this matter was greeted with approval by the members present which was then followed by an informal discussion which included several humorous stories about Frank.

There was discussion about the F.C.C. provisions regarding repeater usage.

Art Holmes suggested that the club website's home page should include a brief history of the club from the beginning of time when it was known as the Rams.

Marv Tyndall pointed out that the repeater coordinator should be advised if the repeater had been relocated since this was last done.

Gary pointed out that the 440 repeater had a broken potentiometer and that due to its age and all around condition that the club should consider budgeting funds to replace it. Art Holmes offered to donate any lottery winnings he might come upon in the near future to help the club achieve this goal.

Gary announced that he had been appointed Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Brigantine and proposed the that club offer communications services to the city for public events such as the Brigantine Triathlon, parades and the like. He pointed out that in addition to providing a valuable service to the community this would be good public exposure for the club.

It was suggested that any equipment belonging to the club that is still at the Red Cross property in Pleasantville that is not worth the club's trouble to retrieve should be donated to the Red Cross so as to eliminate any liability to the club that the presence of this equipment on Red Cross property might incur.

New Field Day rules were brought to our attention by Rick.

Gary presented a Raspberry Pi mini computer for the members to view, presented club members with a handout on it and advised us that programs were available at RaspberryPi.org.

The meeting was concluded at 8:40 PM.

Immediately following the meeting a 50/50 raffle was held. \$14 dollars in tickets were sold. Bob drew the winning number which was held by Marv. Marv donated back \$5.00 allowing the club to net \$12.00.