

Shore Points Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the meeting held December 18, 2014
at the Brigantine Community Center

The meeting commenced at 7:35 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Eight voting members, one lifetime member and one associate member were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on November 20, 2014, were read by the club secretary, David Holmes. Gary Paul motioned to accept the minutes, Art Holmes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Club Treasurer, Bob Webb then read the financial report for November. There was a complete accounting of all of the club's financial assets in the amount of \$640.86 in cash. Marv motioned to accept the report, Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The floor was then opened to old business. Gary inquired as to what the dues are for family members of lifetime members and Bob said that dues for family members of lifetime members had always been \$5.00 and so it will remain.

Dave had picked up the Ten-Tec HF rig from Rob Grachola who had stated that his testing of the rig indicated some weakness in the receiver. Dave was now awaiting word from Bob Abrams as when he would be available to take possession of the rig.

Gary pointed out that the club's repeaters are not secure in as much as the room they are in is not locked during the day. Jim Tyndall suggested the Days Inn in Egg Harbor Township as a possible new repeater site. Art Masker suggested moving the repeaters to either the Galloway Fire Department in Pomona or back to the Clarion and it was noted that the Clarion site is not climate controlled. It was noted that the Safety Bus Service antenna at the Red Rood Inn appeared to be missing as it was no longer visible from the street and it was speculated that they may have moved their equipment to another site and what that might mean to the club. Adam DiBartolo inquired as to whether any of the county towers might be suitable sites.

Attention was then turned to the SPARC 2014-15 Winter Radio Giveaway Contest. It was decided that radio to be given away would be upgraded from a Baofeng UV-5R to a Baofeng GT3 MkII. Gary agreed that he would order the radio and both he and Art Holmes donated \$20.00 toward the purchase leaving only \$10.00 to come from the treasury toward the purchase of the prize.

Bob Webb had discovered that he was in possession of the club seal and transferred it to Dave.

Then it was time for the elections. The floor was opened for nominations, but there were none, leaving the committee nominees running unopposed. Gary instructed Dave to enter one vote each in favor of each nominee into the record. The SPARC officers for the 2015 calendar year will be as follows:

President: Rick Hitchen
Vice President: Bob McFadden
Treasurer: Bob Webb
Secretary: Dave Holmes
Director: Fred Twist

These officers will serve for a period of one year with the exception of Fred Twist, as directors are elected to three year terms.

The floor was then opened to new business. Marv mentioned that Joe Zona, N2AMI, is in need of having a beam mounted on his tower. He also mentioned an article in QST magazine which stated that the FCC has proposed that they may not send out hard copy licenses radio amateurs.

At 8:29 PM, Marv motioned to close the meeting, Art seconded and the meeting was adjourned. Immediately following the meeting a 50/50 drawing was held. _____ drew the winning ticket which was held by _____ and the club netted \$____.00.