Shore Points Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the meeting held June 20, 2019

At the Brigantine Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by president, Gary Paul, K2ACY, followed by the flag salute and introductions. There were 11 members and 4 guests at the meeting. The minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting were read and heartily approved. The financial report was given by Treasurer Bob WA2YSA - a balance of $1,310.27.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

**REPEATERS**:

Gary reported that our duplexer is from the 70’s and the cables are brittle. Both the cables and the duplexer are probably not in tune. He has taken the co-ax off the repeater and plugged the antenna directly into the receiver, which gave full-quieting. Plugging it back into the duplexer, half of the clarity is lost. He recommends that we retire the duplexer, keeping it for backup, and get a new one for the 250 repeater. The one he recommends has an N connector and is not currently in stock. A new duplexer, purchased and tuned by Tesco, will have a lifetime guarantee for the tuning. It will cost about $277 + tax. Dave KD2KVZ made a motion to buy the new duplexer for the 443.250 repeater, seconded by David KD2AYQ.

We also need to get a smaller cabinet that is also secure. Jim Foley of Tactical Public Safety recommends we mount the repeater vertically and offered Gary that he would give us one. Larry KB2MN offered to help install the equipment in the new cabinet.

The 985 repeater is working well.

**NETS:**

Rick KC2ESD said the number of nets is now 255, 256, or 257. (Note: A subsequent email from him put the number at 2,157.) Rick reported that there was good net participation the past 16 weeks and no interference from “precious” people.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Bob WA2YSA reported current membership is the same as last month - 17 full, 2 family, 3 lifetime complimentary, and 1 associate, for a total of 23.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** David KD2AYQ reported none were received.

**SUNSHINE:** Nothing new.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dave KD2KVZ asked that people coming to help set-up for Field Day come to the Canale Center cafeteria Saturday at 9 AM. He will ask Sal to e-mail the operating schedule assignments.

Dave also brought attention to the email he sent members regarding ARRL Emergency Communications courses offered both on-line and in a classroom in Manchester Township in Ocean County.

Dave will also send an email to members to see if there is enough interest for holding another Skywarn class at the Canale Center. The program at the June SCARA meeting will be by retired meteorologist Jim Eberwine.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gary K2ACY confirmed National Night Out in Brigantine is Tuesday, August 6th, 6 to 9 PM at the ball field. Our set-up will be in the same place as last year. Dave KD2KVZ confirmed he will arrive with the pod and trailer at about 5 PM.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Nancy N2ANG reported that the first Ladies First Net had 5 ladies and 7 guys check in and asked the guys present to encourage their YL’s to check in and say something.

The radio giveaway - Gary K2ACY read the total number of entries each person had earned from attendance at meetings and checking into the nets. The winner of the FT-70 was Michelle KD2PUY.

**Closing:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

**50/50:** None.

Next meeting: July 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Jarrín, N2ANG, Secretary