

BRISTOL COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC. # 1349

Minutes of Membership Meeting

November 3, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Bristol County Radio Control Club, Inc. was held in the Northeast Terminal Building at the New Bedford Regional Airport on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Officers Present:

President	Gary Carreiro
Vice President	Jeff Rebello (absent)
Secretary/Clerk	Gary Barboza (absent)
Recording Secretary	Ed Goulart
Treasurer	Michelle Brito
Safety Officer	Gerry Dupont
Contest Director	Ned Watts

There were only 16 members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting were read and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read and unanimously accepted.

GENERAL FUND

September starting balance	\$ 5,435.29
Expenses	-11.25
Deposit	<u>1001.00</u>
September Ending balance	\$ 6,425.04

NICOLACI YOUTH AVIATION ACCOUNT

September starting balance	\$ 877.37
Expenses	-000.00
Deposit	<u>106.25</u>
September Ending balance	\$ 983.62

GENERAL FUND

October starting balance	\$ 6,425.04
Expenses	-000.00
Deposit	<u>000.00</u>
October Ending balance	\$ 6,425.04

NICOLACI YOUTH AVIATION ACCOUNT

October starting balance	\$ 983.62
Expenses	-000.00
Deposit	<u>0.00</u>
October Ending balance	\$ 983.62

Committee Report

None

Correspondence

- The Burlington R/C Flyers Club Auction will be held on November 15th.
- The Charles River Flying Club Auction will be held at the Natick VFW on November 29th.

Unfinished Business

- The UMASS Dartmouth Family Fall Festival was attended by 6 club members. It was windy and cold, however contact was made with some engineering students who are building and flying drones. Future cooperation may take place.
- Gary Carreiro reported that the club's non-profit status is in limbo since no tax filings at the State or Federal levels have been done since 2002. The State wants tax filings for the years 2011 through 2014, and a \$35 dollar fee for each of these years as well as filings for all future tax years in order to return us to tax exempt status. The Federal government is also looking for back filings and a \$400 fee for a social club tax exemption. Ned Watts volunteered to file the appropriate forms and file all future submissions, provided someone reminds him annually. Michelle Brito will assist Ned with appropriate financial information.
- Gary Carreiro reported on his conversation with Mrs. Ferry regarding the Brownell property. Their sons are buying the property with the elder Ferry's as co-signors. She indicated that revenue is important to them. Although no firm transfer date has been set, since the loan hasn't been approved and the State has not yet signed off on the property, she said she would call Gary after the corn has been harvested. Some discussion ensued about the appropriate rental offer we would make and how the field and planting might be altered.
- Gary Carreiro made the motion and it was unanimously voted to elect the following candidates as officers for the 2016 year:
 - President Gary Carreiro
 - Vice President (tabled due to candidate withdrawal)
 - Secretary/Clerk Gary Barboza
 - Recording Secretary Ed Goulart
 - Treasurer Michelle Brito
 - Safety Officer Gerry Dupont
 - Contest Director Ned Watts
- A lengthy and often times heated discussion ensued about the proposed dues structure for 2016. Disagreement centered on the removal of the duty fee as well as the role of raffles and drawings. Nevertheless, the following previously published dues structure was unanimously approved after a fee amendment by Bob Violette, and a second by Bob Pacheco:
 - Open Membership.... \$75 annually
 - Junior Membership...\$0 for individuals 18 years of age and under as of January 1st, sponsored by an active member.
 - Treasurer, Field Maintenance, Club Secretary, Recording Secretary...dues waived.
 - Elimination of annual duty fee.

New Business

- Indoor flying at the Sippican Middle School will begin on December 5th and be held every other Saturday per recently e-mail.
- Tom Laureano can no longer be our Webmaster and web site host. Chris Ferreira graciously offered to host our site and maintain our web presence.
- Gary Carreiro reported on the proposal by the FAA to register unmanned drones. A lengthy discussion ensued, and members were urged to post their comments on the AMA web site.

Comments from the Officers

None

Comments from the members

None

The meeting closed at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Goulart
Recording Secretary