

# ***BRISTOL COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC. # 1349***

## **Minutes of Membership Meeting**

August 2, 2016

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, August 2, 2016.

### **Officers Present:**

President	Gary Carreiro
Vice President	Chris Ferreira
Secretary/Clerk	Gary Barboza (absent)
Recording Secretary	Ed Goulart
Treasurer	Nancy Dupont (absent)
Safety Officer	Gerry Dupont
Contest Director	Ned Watts

There were 22 members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting were read and unanimously accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was read and unanimously accepted.

#### **GENERAL FUND**

July starting balance	\$ 5,185.32
Expenses	-19.50
Deposit	<u>3,000.00</u>
July Ending balance	\$ 8,165.82

#### **NICOLACI YOUTH AVIATION ACCOUNT**

July starting balance	\$ 988.62
Expenses	-252.70
Deposit	<u>0.00</u>
July Ending balance	\$ 735.92

### **Committee Report**

None

### **Correspondence**

- August 28<sup>th</sup> is War bird Day at Wing busters.
- The Bog Hogs club is up and running and is accepting new members.

## **Unfinished Business**

- **In the matter of Albert Hess.** Gary Carreiro explained that Mr. Hess had been duly notified regarding the upcoming vote on his membership termination. A motion was made by Toby Denault to terminate the membership of Albert Hess, seconded by Bob Dupre and later amended to include termination by secret ballot. A general discussion ensued. Ed Goulart said he was troubled by blast e-mails by members other than Mr. Hess, although he was particularly disturbed by those from Mr. Hess. Mr. Goulart said he felt that much damage had been done to the club by the aforementioned e-mails. Mr. Hess defended his behavior and claimed he only responded to “stuff” thrown at him. He said that Alan Hunt did not leave the club because of his missives. He claimed that some members are treated like “super members”. Dave Gadomski charged that Mr. Hess had fostered conflict between individual members. Ned Watts said that Mr. Hess should have stopped his e-mails when first warned many months ago. He felt that Mr. Hess seemed to want out of the club and that we should help him in that endeavor. Gerry Dupont said he felt that Mr. Hess was being “railroaded” and he lauded him for standing up for his principles. Jeff Saladino felt that it all started with Mr. Hess’ personal attack on Ray Nunes and an alleged “IRS Audit”. Bob Michaud said he never received the referenced e-mails and was unsure as to what the discussion was all about. He also felt that we should respect one another’s views. Mr. Michaud requested a secret vote on the termination motion. Jon Bier also requested a secret ballot and said politicking should stop at all levels.
- A secret ballot was held with 15 members voting in favor of termination and 7 members voting against. The motion to terminate carried with the requisite 2/3 majority of the members present. Mr. Hess was informed that he is no longer able to participate in club activities or be present on the facilities.
- The no-fly notice regarding the President’s visit to Martha’s Vineyard has been received and runs from August 6<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>. Both Wing busters and the Tiverton Club have extended an invitation to the membership to use their facilities during this period.
- BCRCC War bird Day will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> and The Nicolaci Float Fly will be held September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business**

- UMASS Dartmouth has requested our presence at the Fall Family Fun Day in the middle of October. The flying will take place between parking lots 4 and 5. Due to space restrictions, FPV racing was suggested.
- Gary Carreiro talked about the need for field improvements. We need 3 new benches and a shelter. A motion was made by Jon Bier, and seconded by Carlos Costa to authorize the spending of up to \$1,000 for the shelter and bench lumber. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Bob Dupre, and seconded by Gary Carreiro to donate \$25 to the Ferry Fire Relief Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

**Comments from the Officers**

None

**Comments from the members**

None

The meeting closed at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Goulart  
Recording Secretary