

Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club

April 2013

The business meeting opened at 1932 on April 11, 2013 with approximately 12 people in attendance. A quorum was present.

Announcements -

- Introductions – none needed.
- Activity meeting – Apr 25th. WA1TRY on the new MARC Forum and Discussion site.

Secretary's Report -

- February special meeting and March minutes accepted as presented and published.

Treasurer's Report -

- Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

Contributions –

- None.

Correspondence –

- None

Scholarship – (KE1AY)

- No applications received to date.
- Discussion on how to enhance scholarship response. No resolutions.

Club Station & Facilities - (WA1TRY-SAM)

- All is well and quiet.

Club Activities & Program (KB1FYL-P&E)

- Upcoming activity meetings
- May - TBD.
- June – Field Day preparations. Note date change to June 20th.
- July – TBD
- Aug – TBD
- Sep (possible) – Trip to RFS Coax mfg.
- Potential future activities: LOTW by ARRL, trip to W1AW, spec event on MARC 60+ Anniversary, and Tune-Up Night
- Always looking for ideas and presenters.
- K1SEZ announced that Pond Hill School has been selected as an ISS

school for the 2013-2014 time frame. FB to Paul for the preliminary work. Will be looking for help in set-up and operation.

- Upcoming contests
 - New England QSO Party May 4th and 5th.
 - Several state QSO parties. Boost your WAS or 5BWAS standing.
- Nets - All nets are doing well. Reports in Key Klix & MARC forum.
- HF-SSB 28.375 Tuesdays at 8:00 PM, Primary NC John K1VDF.
 - VHF-FM 147.36R Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, Primary NC Todd K1TDO.
 - VHF-SSB 50.175 Mondays at 8 PM, Primary NC Jim N1ZN.

Castle Craig - (N1API-CM & CP)

- 10/10 QSO parties in 2013: SSB Aug 3-4; Digital Apr 27-28 & Nov 9-10; CW May 4-5 & Oct 19-20
- Castle Craig and Ten/Ten Int'l web pages now reflect the 2013 convention hosted by MARC. Some details remain (final FAA check off expected soon).
- Members planning to attend should get their reservations in. Show the team spirit.
- Member help will be needed during the event with the station, as greeters and as ombudsmen.

Membership - (KB1HCC)

- Thirty-nine (39) 2013 members more or less.

Interference and Technical - (WA1TRY)

- No reported problems.

Instruction & Testing - (VE-KE1AY, Instruction Facilitator - Open)

- Next VE session at Nutmeg Hamfest in October.
- No additional testing and classes scheduled.

Candy Store - (N1ZN)

- See Jim N1ZN for availability and details.

Club Media -

- Key Klix (WA1TRY) not published.
- MARC Forum (WA1TRY) is back with a new platform. The April activity meeting is your chance to learn all about it.
- MARC Reflector (N1GNV) has been started. Members can receive and send short messages among the group with no archiving. Meant for

quick comments, updates and notices.

Field Day (June 22 & 23)

- Motion by N1GNV second by W1KKF to hold 2013 Field Day at Marcus Cooke Park. Passed .
- June activity meeting will be held on the third Thursday (6/20) because of early Field Day.
- Town permit for Cooke Park may need date adjustment.
- Gurus: CW-W1KKF; SSB-KB1HCC; VHF-N1ZN; Food-N1GNV.
- K1SEZ suggested that we ask a Boy Scout troop to assist with set-up and break-down.

EmComm - (WA1VXH)

- Anyone interested in being Wallingford EC contact Chris and/or DEC Douglas WA1SFH.
- Wallingford will be running various classes for the CERT/Med team group

Nutmeg Hamfest (October 13, 2013)

- Planning has started.

Miscellaneous

- VHF/UHF Weak Signal Group conference April 26 - 28.

50/50 – None

Meeting Adjourned about 20:29

Submitted: Dan Murphy W1DMM, Secretary