

Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club December 2013

President John Bartscherer chaired the evening activities on December 12, 2013. About 30 members and guests were present at the MARC Annual Christmas Party. Among the special invited guests were ARRL Section Leader Betsey Doane, K1EIC and several members spouses. The normal business meeting agenda was not followed in favor of the holiday dinner activity.

A social gathering started the evening around 6 pm with many friends getting re-acquainted. The venue this year again was **Brother's Restaurant** in Wallingford. Everyone agreed the buffet dinner was nicely presented and delicious. Congratulations to Bill Wawrzeński, W1KKF for arranging the dinner were given.

The current President John Bartscherer, N1GNV, paid tribute to many of our members for their efforts over the past year, and announced the newly elected MARC officers for 2014 as: Jim Savage, N1ZN, President, and Al Kaiser, N1API, Vice President, and Haggie Winslow, KB1HCC, Treasurer, and Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ, Secretary, and Rich Aubin, WA1TRY, Station Manager.

Many present offered kudos for a job "well done" over the past 5 years to John as the MARC President with a round of applause.

John introduced a motion to make the retiring MARC Secretary, Dan Murphy, W1DMM, a **MARC Life Member**. It was seconded by several members and voted upon by voice acclamation of all present. Dan's many contributions to the MARC were described and noted.

There was no presentation this year for the MARC DX Marathon award or the infamous H.A. (horse's derriere) 2013 Award.

John introduced the new President, Jim Savage, who presented the MARC, coveted and most respected awards of the year to the Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year. These awards are voted on by the membership present at the November business meeting and represent the top praise of those MARC members.

- **Ham of the Year – Paul Ciezniak K1SEZ**
- **Elmer of the Year – Bob Carruthers KB1FYL**

Note this is the second Elmer of the Year award in a row for Bob, "Congratulations!" The evening concluded at about 9:00 pm with heartfelt good wishes to all and a hope for a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ

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