

# **Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club**

## **January 2013**

The business meeting opened at 1934 on January 10, 2013 with approximately 14 people in attendance. A quorum was present.

Announcements -

- Introductions – none needed.
- Activity meeting – Jan 24th. WA1L on auto racing communications.

Secretary's Report -

- Previous minutes (November and December) accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report -

- Treasurer's report accepted as presented.
- An audit committee with KB1HCC, N1ZN and one other will be formed.

Contributions –

- Presentation by W1KKF and WA1TRY representing the Nutmeg Hamfest Alliance of \$1516.15.
- Motion by N1GNV second by KE1AY to use \$500.00 of Nutfest contribution for 2013 scholarship. Passed.

Correspondence –

- Letter of thanks to Tom Bernacki (son of WX1D) for memorial contribution to MARC.
- QSL cards.

Scholarship – (KE1AY)

- No 2012 award due to lack of applicants.
- Letters and application information to be sent out in the spring.

Club Station & Facilities - (WA1TRY-SAM)

- All is well and quiet.
- Town radio (TS-450) at Rogus to look into a keypad/memory problem.
- Added new bulkhead coax connector to avoid cable chaffing.
- W1DMM presented information on commercial multi-band verticals available. Much discussion. Consensus points to GAP or

Cushcraft. Nothing can be done until discussions are held with town officials for permission, placement, size, location, etc first.

#### Club Activities & Program (KB1FYL-P&E)

- Upcoming activity meetings
  - Jan – John WA1L Communications in auto racing.
  - Feb – Andy on MARS vehicle Curiosity and landing techniques
  - Mar – Haggie KB1HCC on sailing a square rigger in the North Atlantic.
  - April – Rich WA1TRY on the new MARC Forum
- Potential future activities: LOTW by ARRL, trip to W1AW, and

#### Tune-Up Night by K1VDF

- Always looking for ideas and presenters.
- Upcoming contests
  - ARRL Intl DX CW (Feb 16-17) & SSB (Mar 2-3).
  - 10/10 Phone QSO Party. February 2-3
  - ARRL VHF Jan 19-20
  - CQ 160 CW Jan 26-27
  - 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 Feb 2-3 & Aug 3-4; Digital Apr 27-28 & Nov 9-10; CW May 4-5 & Oct 19-20
- N1API will be running a jump start net for the Feb QSO party starting at 6:45 ET on Friday Feb 1st.
- Motion by N1API second by N1BF for \$60 for a 10/10 convention door prize and rent a Castle Craig chapter table. Passed.
- Convention committee needs to meet with hotel personnel to set up a 10/10 station during the convention.
- Castle Craig and Ten/Ten Int'l web pages now reflect the 2013 convention hosted by MARC. Some details remain (W1AW trip and convention station setup still open).

- Member help will be needed during the event with the station, as greeters and as ombudsmen.

#### Membership - (KB1HCC)

- Fifty-six (56) 2012 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.
- We need a training coordinator/facilitator. Step up and help!!

#### Candy Store - (N1ZN)

- See Jim N1ZN for availability and details.

#### Club Media -

- See January Key Klix for several articles on the MARC media happenings.
- Key Klix (WA1TRY) back in business after problems with publishing software. See Key Klix article.
- Key Klix is now an electronic only vehicle.
- MARC Forum (WA1TRY) is back with a new platform.
- MARC Web (W1DMM) MeridenARC.ORG is designated hospice and will not be updated.
- 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.
- MARC Web (N1GNV) MeridenARC.COM is designated as the new MARC web page. N1GNV is webmaster.

#### Field Day (June 22 & 23)

- Chris WA1VXH has submitted an application to the town for Marcus Cooke Park June 22-23.
- Motion by W1KKF second by N1GNV to rescind the November motion on Field Day Class and site and consider Field Day as either Class 2A at Cooke Park or 2F at the MARC/EOC site. Passed.
- More discussion on Field Day will appear in Key Klix and the MARC Forum.

#### EmComm - (WA1VXH)

DISCUSS (W1VXH)

- Chris WA1VXH will be stepping aside as EC for Wallingford. FB job Chris.
- Anyone interested in being EC contact Chris and/or DEC Douglas WA1SFH.

Nutmeg Hamfest (October 7, 2012)

- It's over and a reported success.
- Bill W1KKF gave a summary. Gate was lower than in the past, but the reason is not yet understood. Lower costs lead to increase in net gain. Details will be available after Alliance BOD meet and close out the event year details.
- Club table made \$530.00.
- Thanks to those volunteering to make this a success.

Miscellaneous

- The Christmas Party was a success. FB and thanks to Bill W1KKF for doing the leg work and hounding down the details.

50/50 – None

Meeting Adjourned about 20:57

Submitted: Dan Murphy W1DMM, Secretary