

## **Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club June 2013**

The business meeting opened at 1934 on June 13, 2013 with approximately 13 people in attendance. A quorum was present.

Announcements -

- Introductions – none needed.
- Activity meeting – June 20th. Load up and prepare for Field Day.

Note: Meeting is a week early, June 20th to coordinate with the FD schedule of June 22-23.

Secretary's Report -

- May minutes accepted as presented and promulgated.

Treasurer's Report -

- Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

Contributions –

- None.

Correspondence –

- None

Scholarship – (KE1AY)

- A recipient has been determined, of ten applicants, from Maloney High in Meriden. Presentation will be at July meeting.

- Dan W1DMM to review current Scholarship guidelines (part of MARC Bylaws) for possible changes.

Club Station & Facilities - (WA1TRY-SAM)

- Equipment and Laptops are ready for Field Day.
- Consoles may not be needed in shack due to changes and multi-use of area.

Club Activities & Program (KB1FYL-P&E)

- A suggestion, not a motion, to invite area hams to selected Activity Meetings when the presentation may have a wide interest. Betsey K1IEC and Douglas WA1SFH will be contacted for dissemination. Build up the club PR and not embarrass ourselves with a low turnout.

- Upcoming activity meetings

- June – Field Day preparations. Note date change to June 20th.
- July – Picnic

- Aug (possible) – Radio Controlled Aircraft.
- 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 October 28th to November 3rd time frame. Will be looking for help in set-up and operation.
- Upcoming contests
  - Canada RAC Day CW/Phone July 1st.
  - 10/10 Spirit of 76 All Mode July 1 to July 7.
  - 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.
  - 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)
  - Forty-six (46) 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
- MARC Reflector (N1GNV) is working. Meant for quick comments, updates and notices.

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

- June activity meeting will be held on the third Thursday (6/20) because of early Field Day.
- We will have a rep from the Town Public Works Dept to assist in light set up, etc. Opportunity for some positive interaction.
- Town permits available for WPD and FD site. N1ZN to deliver.
- Gurus: CW-W1KKF; SSB-KB1HCC; VHF-N1ZN; Food-N1GNV. Tents-KB1FYL, GOTA-open.
- VHF may have a slow start because of conflicting schedules. It will be worked through.

#### EmComm - (WA1VXH)

- Anyone interested in being Wallingford EC contact Chris and/or DEC Douglas WA1SFH.

#### Nutmeg Hamfest (October 13, 2013)

- All is ready. Deposit made to Hotel.
- Main forum speakers have committed.
- Info booths: QCWA, ARES, ECARS
- OK from the ARRL to authorize Nutfest as the Connecticut State Convention.
- Need more gate guards and ticket takers. We found some were able to bypass the main entrance last year.

#### Miscellaneous

50/50 – None

Meeting Adjourned about 20:40

Submitted: Dan Murphy W1DMM, Secretary