

Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club

March 2013

The business meeting opened at 1932 on March 14, 2013 with approximately 13 people in attendance. A quorum was present.

Announcements -

- Introductions – none needed.
- Activity meeting – Mar 28th. KB1HCC on his recent square rigger sail on the Atlantic.

Secretary's Report -

- January minutes accepted as presented and published.
- The February 14th business meeting was cancelled due to weather. A short ad hoc business meeting was held on Feb 28th. The minutes will be promulgated and published.

Treasurer's Report -

- Treasurer's report not available.

Contributions –

- Scholarship – KB1FYL 50/50 rake in.

Correspondence –

- None

Scholarship – (KE1AY)

- Applications expected next month.

Club Station & Facilities - (WA1TRY-SAM)

- All is well and quiet.
- Town radio (TS-450) repaired at Rogus. CMOS battery leakage corroded circuit board traces.
- Motion by N1GNV second by K1VDF for MARC to cover repair costs - \$100.00. Passed.

Club Activities & Program (KB1FYL-P&E)

- Upcoming activity meetings

§ 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

- Always looking for ideas and presenters.
- Upcoming contests

§ CQ WPX SSB March 30 – 31.

§ 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 (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.

Candy Store - (N1ZN)

- See Jim N1ZN for availability and details.

Club Media -

- Key Klix (WA1TRY) is now an electronic only vehicle. Need a printer person/mailer to handle snail mail version – see WA1TRY.
- MARC Forum (WA1TRY) is back with a new platform. Some growing pains being ironed out.
- 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)

- Site location and decision will be made at the April business meeting.
EmComm - (WA1VXH)
 - Anyone interested in being Wallingford EC contact Chris and/or DEC Douglas WA1SFH.
 - Some changes are afoot with the Wallingford Emergency Management. Ernie is now Director of Civil Preparedness. (Title change)
 - Wallingford will be running various classes for the CERT/Med team group
Nutmeg Hamfest (October 7, 2012)
 - The 2013 season will be starting shortly.
- Miscellaneous
- VHF/UHF Weak Signal Group conference April 26 - 28.
50/50 – KB1FYL
- Meeting Adjourned about 20:25
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