

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

## **November 2013**

The business meeting opened at 1930 on November 14, 2013 with approximately 15 people in attendance. A quorum was present. Jim N1ZN was acting chair.

### Announcements -

- No introductions needed.
- The November business meeting is also the Annual Meeting, as required in our bylaws. Next meeting is the annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 12th at Brothers Restaurant, 33 No. Cherry St., Wallingford (behind the RR station).
- Social assemblage – 6:00PM, dinner – 7:00PM, and awards presentations – following.

### Secretary's Report – (W1DMM-Secry)

- Accepted as presented.

### Treasurer's Report – (KB1HCC-Treas)

- Accepted as presented.
- The Treasurer reminds all that 2014 dues (which now include the repeater membership) are due at or before the December 2014 Christmas Party. Mail early and give Haggie a break.
- An audit committee was formed per the By-Laws consisting of K1VDF, KB1FYL, K1PU and N1ZN ad hoc chair. The committee will report their results early in 2014.

### Contributions –

None

### Correspondence –

None.

### Scholarship – (KE1AY)

Will start again in the Spring of 2014.

Discussion continues and ideas welcome on how to get candidate enthusiasm boosted.

### Club Station & Facilities - (WA1TRY-SAM)

Station was/is ready and available for the November Sweep Stakes contests (CW & Phone).

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

Upcoming activity meetings

- No activity meetings in November and December

- Jan – Mars mission Curiosity
- TBD – Radio Controlled Vehicles
- TBD – “Mapping the radio sky” John Wallis.
- 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.

#### Upcoming contests

- ARRL Sweepstakes CW & SSB. First and third weekends of November.
- 10/10 RTTY QSO Party. November 10-11.
- CQWW-CW November 24-25.
- ARRL 160 meter November 28 – December 2.
- ARRL 10 meter December 8-10.

Nets - All nets are doing well. Reports on 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.

Band conditions poor. Hope for better conditions by February QSO party.

Membership - (KB1HCC)

Fifty-one (51) 2013 members more or less.

Interference and Technical - (WA1TRY)

No report.

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

VE session -- TBD.

Additional testing and classes will be announced.

We need a training coordinator/facilitator. **Step up and help!!**.

Candy Store - (N1ZN)

See Jim N1ZN for details.

Club Media -

No substantive changes to the club media situation.

Media issues to be addressed after beginning of year.

Field Day (June-fourth full weekend)

- Usage permit for 2014 at Marcus Cooke Park will be submitted after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Field Day site and class yet to be determined.
- 2013 Field Day results in QST and ARRL web site.

EmComm - (Wallingford EC - Open)

Chris WA1VXH has retired as Wallingford EC after a extemporary tenure. Anyone interested in the position contact Chris or Douglas WA1SFH (DEC).

Nutmeg Hamfest (October 13, 2013)

- Bill W1KKF President of Nutmeg Hamfest Alliance reviewed some of the 2013 event data. Generally good. Changes in gate control seemed to work.
- Profit/loss data not yet available.
- Bill W1KKF asked that MARC members consider their desire to continue the Nutmeg Hamfest in the future since there is little enthusiasm during the planning and development phases. Question should be addressed early in 2014.

Miscellaneous

Annual Christmas Party will be catered at Brothers Restaurant, Wallingford starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner starting at 7:00 PM on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Meeting -**

- The November business meeting is the Annual Meeting per our bylaws. K1VDF took the floor as chief teller with K1WJL and KE1AY assisting. The current officer slate, excepting Dan W1DMM, has agreed to run again. Paul K1SEZ agreed to run as Secretary,
- Nominations from the floor were: Jim N1ZN – President, Al N1API – Vice President.
- Nominations were closed and a secret ballot was initiated for the office of President.
- After determining that Jim N1ZN had been elected President, Jim withdrew his nomination for Vice President.
- The remaining uncontested slate of officers were accepted by acclamation.

The elected 2014 officers are:

President Jim N1ZN	Vice President Al N1API
Secretary Paul K1SEZ	Treasurer Haggie KB1HCC
Station Facilities Manager Rich WA1TRY	

- Elmer/Ham of the Year - Secret ballots were collected for the Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year. Results and presentation to be made at

December Holiday Party.  
50/50 – None

Meeting Adjourned about 20:25

Submitted Dan Murphy, W1DMM, Secretary.