

Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.)

November 2014

The business meeting opened at 7:30 EDST on November 13, 2014 with 25 people in attendance, a record for this year's business meetings! See call sign and names listing on the last page. A quorum was present. The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Jim, N1ZN.

Announcements – The club's annual election of officers would be conducted tonight.

Introductions – All present at the meeting announced their name and call sign and signed the log sheet.

Secretary's Report – The October 2014 meeting minutes were written up and published on the W1NRG website. There were no additions or changes noted to the minutes by anyone present.

Treasurer's Report – Haggie, KB1HCC, reported on the status of the MARC treasury. There were no questions or discussions, and everyone seemed pleased at the club's solid financial status.

Contributions – none

Correspondence – No correspondence received or noted.

Scholarship – Nothing discussed.

Club Station & Facilities – There was no report on the club station this month.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – There will be no Activities meeting this month of November because of the Thanksgiving holiday which falls on that day. Our club's annual Christmas Dinner meeting will take place on Thursday, December 11th at Brothers Restaurant in Wallingford, right across from the Amtrak station. There will be drinks available for purchase at the bar and dinner will be served at 7 pm.

Don't forget that your 2015 MARC membership dues can be paid as you enter the dining room!

Nets - All nets are doing well

- 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

Hamfests – The Nutmeg Hamfest committee announced some of the details of our recent, successful hamfest with more information being prepared for presentation in early 2015. The next Nutmeg Hamfest Board of Directors' meeting will be held shortly to finalize the costs and income records.

Key Klix- Dave K1WJL said the next issue of Key Klix will be published shortly on the MARC website and will also be emailed to members with working email addresses. This is the preferred method of delivery at no cost of stamps or printing materials.

Castle Craig – nothing to report

Membership – no new members; current membership is 47, including the three complementary members.

Interference and Technical – no report

Repeater – Bill, W1KKF, confirmed the repeater was working well.

Instruction & Testing – There was a well-attended Volunteer Examiner testing session at the Nutmeg Hamfest in October. A breakdown of the numbers of participants will be presented shortly.

Candy Store – no report

Club Media – no report

EmComm – Joe, KC1BAQ, reported on the successful state-wide SET conducted under the direction of the ARES earlier in November, and also discussed the Wallingford shelter drill to be held at Moran Middle School later this month. Watch your email for more details.

New Business –The annual MARC election of officers was conducted using nicely prepared, printed ballots. (Thanks to Dave, K1WJL!) These were handed out to all 25 MARC members in attendance, and there was some discussion from the floor of expanding the balloting next year to all members via electronic means. The details of this process will be expanded in early 2015 and a subcommittee team of Dan, W1DMM and Paul, K1SEZ will prepare a review of the existing MARC charter and other club rules to be presented at an early 2015 meeting to cover this 100% membership voting process.

The results of the election were:

President, Bill W1KKF
Vice-President, Al N1API
Treasurer, Haggie KB1HCC
Secretary, Steve KC1AXJ

The annual MARC superlatives awards will be announced for the 2014 Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year during the upcoming Christmas dinner.

Meeting Adjourned by voice vote about 8:40 pm to continue informal discussions around the coffee and pastries.

Submitted: Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ, Secretary

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Meeting Attendees on November 13, 2014

1. K1LYP, John
2. K1MVM, Mike
3. K1SEZ, Paul (secretary)
4. K1TDO, Todd
5. K1VDF, John
6. K1WJL, Dave
7. KB1FYL, Bob
8. KB1HCC, Haggie (treasurer)
9. KB1MMS, Ron
10. KB1TJD, Gaianne
11. KC1ACN, Rob
12. KC1AXJ, Steve
13. KC1BAQ, Joe
14. KE1AU, Bob
15. KE1AY, Don
16. N1API, Al (vice president)
17. N1ZN, Jim (president)
18. W1CTN, Dave
19. W1DMM, Dan
20. W1KKF, Bill
21. WA1TRY, Rich
22. WA1VXH, Chris
23. WB1GYZ, Bob
24. WB1UDY, Ernie
25. WV2LKM, Steve