

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

October 2014

The business meeting opened at 7:30 EDST on October 9, 2014 with 16 people in attendance. 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 – none

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

Secretary's Report – The September 2014 meeting minutes were written up and published on the W1NRG website. It was again noted that Paul K1SEZ will be stepping down from the post of Club Secretary in the upcoming MARC election event. At least one member has indicated an interest in serving as Secretary.

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 – A check for \$100 from the town of Meriden was given to Paul, K1SEZ in September for a class that he conducted in ham radio given in August 2014 at the SCOW-Meriden YMCA camp. It was turned over to Haggie KB1HCC for deposit in the MARC treasury in September.

Correspondence –No correspondence received or noted.

Scholarship –Nothing discussed.

Club Station & Facilities – There was no report on the club station this month, but there were several mentions of the ongoing pursuit of the free telephone poles to be erected on the grounds of the fire house that we use for our meetings. There will be a learning activity at the October meeting to introduce the excellent contesting software, N1MM Logger given by Dave, W1CTN. This free software will be introduced at the MARC for use during the upcoming contests hopefully by year's end. A new PC may be needed with a modern OS for use with the club's rigs.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – The upcoming Nutmeg Hamfest preparations were discussed in general. It was noted that the Inside Vendors will have stickers for identification this year, making it easier to monitor their entrance and work inside the main room. The flea market parking spaces will be opened officially at 6 am; the main hall will open at 8 am. Hand-stamping will be used to identify paying attendees. The Nutfest tickets will be numbered for tracking purposes.

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 executive committee is in final preparations for Sunday, October 12th. It will again be held at the Sheraton Four Corners hotel in Meriden. Besides hosting the Connecticut ARRL state convention again, we will be featuring presentations by Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, CEO of the ARRL who will speak on the topic of "Where the Bands Come From", and also Joel Hallas, K1ZR, of "The Doctor is In" articles in QST magazine who will speak on antenna design and construction details.

Key Klix- Dave K1WJL said the June issue of Key Klix will be published shortly on the MARC website.

Castle Craig – nothing to report

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

Interference and Technical – no report

Repeater – Bill, W1KKF, confirmed the repeater financial account at \$980.93 and that everything was working well.

Instruction & Testing – No comments.

Candy Store – no report

Club Media – no report

EmComm – no report

New Business – The town's request for verification of the MARC's liability insurance has been handled and our Treasurer will submit a copy of this year (2014)'s certificate. It was noted that Lentini Communications business was relocating to a smaller space location in the same building they currently occupy.

Bill, W1KKF, will be getting quotes for a replacement MARC wall banner with the corrected club colors and insignia details.

Bill also confirmed the start of a Morse code class starting on Monday, October 13th that he will be teaching at the Fire House location.

Everyone was reminded of our annual Election of Officers coming up at the November business meeting.

The MARC annual Christmas dinner will again be held at **Brothers Restaurant** in Wallingford (just across the tracks from the AMTRAK station) on December 11, 2014 at 6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned by voice vote about 8:26 to continue informal discussions around the coffee and pastries.

Submitted: Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ, Secretary



Meeting Attendees on October 9, 2014

1. K1LHO, Mike
2. K1LYP, John
3. K1PU, Mark
4. K1SEZ, Paul (secretary)
5. K1VDF, John
6. K1WJL, Dave
7. KB1HCC, Haggie (treasurer)
8. KC1ACN, Rob
9. KC1AXJ, Steve
10. KE1AU, Bob
11. KE1AY, Don
12. N1API, Al (vice president)
13. N1ZN, Jim (president)
14. W1CTN, Dave
15. W1KKF, Bill
16. WV2LKM, Steve