



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) April 2015

The business meeting opened at 7:30PM EDST on April 9, 2015 with 18 people in attendance, a quorum was present.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Haggie (KB1HCC) and Steve (KC1AXJ).

The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Bill (W1KKF).

Announcements –

Next meeting is April 23 and is an activity meeting.

Town is getting closer to getting the poles into the ground. The property was staked off but then the stakes disappeared...hopefully that a good sign.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – March's Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site. No questions were raised.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed at meeting and accepted.

Contributions – None

Correspondence – 1 membership (KB1SIM), Insurance papers and Vanguard mutual fund statement were received.

Program & Entertainment – Rich (WA1TRY) reported plans; Hints and Kinks activity meeting, a trip to W1AW for late summer / early fall time frame, videos of events and hands on activities all will be events the club will be holding.

Scholarship – Don (KE1AY) reported applications from students should be coming in starting this month which have been out for applicants to fill out since January. Recipient decision will be made in May.

Club Station & Facilities – Rich (WA1TRY) reported the station manager should take care of liability and equipment insurance paperwork. A goal is to have a cabinet in the 'shack' where all the club documents will be held for the club secretary to maintain and where VE session documents will maintain as well. VE docs will be under Don's (KE1AY) control.

The town is asking for inventory of all equipment, Rich (WA1TRY) is doing this.

Jim (N1ZN) gave Rich the equipment insurance and liability insurance paperwork from last year. Haggie (KB1HCC) paid the liability insurance (email was received by Haggie). This proof of insurance is needed by the town. A small discussion was had explaining the goal of our antenna at the station. The first step is a G5RV, and then we work from there. It was recommended to give the town a drawing of how RF and Ground will be accomplished in the shack.



Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) –

Next activity meeting is April 23. Topic for this meeting is Hints and Kinks with Rich (WA1TRY).

Nets –

10M – 11 or so sign in typically

6M – 6 to 8 or so sign in are typical

2M – Last week's net (4/7) didn't occur

Generally if a Net Controller is unable to hold a Net at the allotted time then a club member should volunteer to fill in if possible.

Castle Craig – Pretty quiet. Al (N1API) awaiting next bars that were applied for.

Hamfests – Applied for convention status (Approved by ARRL). Bill (W1KKF) is awaiting the official letter of convention status. Moved date to one week after Columbus Day weekend (October 18, 2015) at the same location as last year (Four Points by Sheraton in Meriden). The next Nutfest committee next meeting is 4/16/2015.

Key Klix – Excellent job Dave. Everyone present thought the document is top notch.

Membership – 50 members + 3 complimentary.

N1ZN found K1RJC membership from 2014. A motion to accept K1RJC as paid dues for 2015 (will get Key Klix) was made and accepted.

Club total membership stands at 54.

Interference and Technical – Rich (WA1TRY) reported we have a lot of broken cables and such to be repaired. Jim (N1ZN) reported some spikes/static across 10m and 6m. John (K1VDF) stated he read some commercial lighting ballast which can causing some noise issues noting that residential ballast don't.

Repeater – Nothing reported

Instruction & Testing – Nothing to report.

Candy Store – Hats are available for \$10 each (nice grey hats). Also, Gold Medal Ideas has our logo and can supply jackets with your call sign and club logo.

EmComm – MS Walk is April 19th. Still looking for volunteers, start time is 8:30am but being at the Cheshire High School at 7:30am is requested if volunteering. Contact Chris (WA1VXH) if you would like to volunteer for this event.

Misc Old Business –

Audit of treasury is done and all in order. Only comment was in the future large disbursements of money should have a more detailed description of what the money is intended for (not just miscellaneous).

Plaques are done (Rich – WA1TRY). These will be displayed in the shack when completed.



Field Day posters were discussed and a copy was handed out. At the next meeting business meeting Steve (KC1AXJ) will have multiple copies. The Field Day event will be posted on WPTV and will be broadcast 3 weeks prior. Steve will send copy of smaller version for lamination on to 8 ½ x 11 to Jim (N1ZN). Steve will inquire about posting at schools. It was suggested, due the advertising, to have a sergeant at arms at field day to watch equipment.

WPTV will air the following:



The folks at WPTV took the field day event and our website information and created this banner that will air a day or two prior to our club meeting days.

DMR committee – Chris (WA1VXH) reported on of networks in the state (29 repeaters currently in CT) and ARES direction and frequency. The committee needs to come up with some proposals for the club to vote on. Topic was tabled until next month.

ARISS contact. Paul (K1SEZ) reported no update at the moment and we perhaps won't hear on this for a few months.

Operate W1AW (field trip). Seems to be doable and no issues foreseen as reported by Rich (WA1TRY).

New Business –

Storing docs in file cabinet in shack was suggested and a cabinet will be made available once the shack is in order.

New club rig. A Committee was formed (Dave – W1CTN, Rich – WA1TRY (chair), Rob – KC1ACN, Jim – N1ZN, Al N1API) to investigate rigs and make recommendation to club.

Field day go box preparation work. Rob (KC1ACN) and Rich (WA1TRY) will get go boxes ready for field day at club house on 4/11.

Meeting was closed at 8:19PM

Meeting Attendees on March 12, 2015

K1LYP	John Yusza	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
K1PU	Mark Mocoski	KE1AY	Don Mitchell
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak	N1API	Al Kaiser
K1VDF	John Blevins	N1ZN	Jim Savage
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	W1CTN	Dave Arruza
KB1JL	Eric Olsen	W1KKF	Bill Wawreniak
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon	WA1VXH	Chris Sievert
KC1AXJ	Steve Allen	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann