



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

The business meeting opened at 7:30 EDST on January 8, 2015 with **14** people in attendance. A quorum was present. Officers present: Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1AXJ). The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Bill, W1KKF.

Announcements – Next meeting 1/22 – Activity meeting: Subject – Hard Line

Introductions – No announcement of names/call signs, all knew each other at this meeting

Secretary's Report – The December 2014 meeting minutes were published on the W1NRG website. No comments or questions tabled.

Treasurer's Report – Haggie (KB1HCC) was not present, but did send Bill a treasurer report which was reviewed. It was suggested an end of year audit of finances be done. Jim (N1ZN) is on committee to complete this task.

Contributions – Check from Nutmeg Hamfest.

Correspondence – None

Scholarship – Don Mitchell (KE1AY) was not present at meeting, nothing discussed.

Club Station & Facilities – Discussion of Radio Room build at club house. Rich (WA1TRY) will be meeting with Ernie from the town on 1/9/14 for planning discussions. Grounding in the new Radio Room was discussed and Rich will be seeing that through with Ernie. A ground rod in the room would be ideal. Antenna cable routing and Voltage wiring are also topics that will be discussed on 1/9/14.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) –
January – Jim (N1ZN) will discuss manufacture of Hard Line Coax cable
February – DMR (see New Business)

Nets – Jim (N1ZN) and John (K1VDF) expressed good activity on the nets, nearly a dozen check-ins per net. Recognition to Todd (K1TDO) for doing a great job on the 2M Net.

- 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 – WA1TRY tabled for 2015 we will have to purchase new tickets for the event. Rich reported the Directors voted to increase the balance of Nutfest checking account higher than in past years by a few dollars. A check from Hamfest 2014 event was given to Bill (W1KKF) at this meeting.

Key Klix – Dave (K1WJL) reported articles are being sent in (good). 8 Key Klix are mailed to members. Dave, great job on the Newsletter.



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Castle Craig – First weekend in February (2/7 & 2/8) is winter 2015 10-10 QSO party. Kick-off will be Friday 2/6/14, watch club website / BBS for more information.

Membership – There are a number of members of the club that have not paid their 2015 dues. Dues are \$15, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for additional family members.

Interference and Technical – None

Repeater – Not discussed

Instruction & Testing – Not discussed

Candy Store – Jim (N1ZN) indicated the Parent shop, our previous vendor for shirts/caps/etc., is apparently out of business. John (N1GNV) suggested Gold Medal Ideas as a potential vendor (they attend Nutmeg Hamfest). Jim's also looking at Queensboro as a vendor. A show of hands indicates that some members would like hats and jackets. If you'd like a jacket, let Jim (N1ZN) know.

Bill (W1KKF) ordered new W1NRG flag / banner with correct color scheme [John (N1GNV) ordered this]...looks good!

Club Media – Not discussed

EmComm – Joe (KC1BAQ) was not present. January 17th there is FEMA training happening. For more information contact Joe (KC1BAQ).

Misc Old Business – November Sweeps Mugs. Three were ordered by Steve (KC1AXJ) for three members wanting mugs (KC1BAQ, KC1ACN, and KC1AXJ). Additionally two pins were ordered for sweeps for two members (KC1ACN, KC1AXJ). These should be fulfilled by ARRL in April 2015.

Ernie (town) would like pictures from events of our club with the town. Dave (K1WJL) will send Ernie photos from last year's field day and other events.

New Business –

- **Badges** – Some folks indicated wanting name/call sign badges. John (K1VDF) and John (N1GNV) are looking into costs.
- **New Plaques** – Elmer and Ham plaques are needed. Rich (WA1TRY) is looking to see where old plaques are.
- **Club PR** – Tabled ideal of having a PR person for the club. Paul (K1SEZ) was suggested, he's done a terrific job with STEM events, etc. Bill (W1KKF) will contact Paul.
- **Involvement** – How do we get more involved? Need to be at public events. Need people to man booths at these events like "Taste of Wallingford", etc.
- **Field Day** – Chris (WA1VXJ) has applied for the paperwork for Field Day for Marcus Cooke Park.
- **DMR** – Suggested the club investigate purchase of handheld (like CS7000). Bill (W1KKF) asking Steve (K1IIG) for February activity meeting.
- **Contesting** – Discussion on entering / editing contest logs was tabled. Outcome is perhaps the club needs a contest director to oversee club contesting in combination with Activity Director?



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- ARRL club search – Searching for local clubs on ARRL, W1NRG doesn't show up as a club in Wallingford. Steve (KC1AXJ) will query ARRL.
- Website – Mark (K1PU) states all is well. If you want anything posted just send it to him. Rich (WA1TRY) mentioned the costs for maintaining the domain of the website.
- Club Cellphone – Used for web access of laptop. Cost is \$10/month minimum (must be activated for at least one day/month). If minimum activation per month isn't adhered to, a re-activation fee is imposed (\$40) when more minutes/Gb are added. Rob (KC1ACN) will investigate if there is a less expensive service. Tabled was the thought of the town having internet access provided at the clubhouse.
- Club Call sign use – Any club member can use the W1NRG call but must ask permission from the trustee (Chris – WA1VXH). For club events Chris needs to be notified if we are using the W1NRG call sign.

The meeting adjourned by voice vote about 8:55 PM to continue informal discussions around the coffee, cider and cookies.

Submitted: Steve Allen KC1AXJ, Secretary

Meeting Attendees on January 8, 2015

K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon
KC1AXJ	Steve Allen
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1BF	Patrick Dionne
N1GNV	John Bartscherer
N1ZN	Jim Savage
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
WA1TRY	Rich Aubin
WA1VXH	Chris Sievert
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann