



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

The business meeting opened at 7:30PM EDST on June 11, 2015 with 17 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 – The next meeting is June 25 and is an activity meeting.

Friday June 26th is Field Day setup at Marcus Cooke Park at 2PM. We are looking for folks with trucks and station wagons to bring equipment from the club house to the field on Friday but will load everything up Thursday June 25th at the activity meeting.

There are still a couple laminated Field Day fliers that at the club house is anyone wants to post at their favorite store.

John (K1VDF) will be home within a day (hopefully). John is doing well and is going through physical therapy.

Paul (K1SEZ) has a two year collection of Amsat magazines for anyone that would like them. Thanks Paul.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – May's Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site. No additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed at meeting and accepted.

Contributions – see Scholarship

Correspondence – Meriden Post Office box bill was received, payable by June 30, 2015. Haggie paid the bill June 11th.



Program & Entertainment – The club is still searching for a replacement for Rich (WA1TRY) for the Program & Entertainment chairman.

June – Pack up for Field Day
July – Picnic (Hubbard Park)
August – Solar Power presentation (K1PU)

Scholarship – A recipient has been selected and will be awarded at the July business meeting. The recipient is Jeremy Santiago from Meriden.

A very generous \$500 donation from Ronald E. Spooner from Addison, Illinois to the Scholarship Fund was received. Ron is currently studying for his technician class license. Ron is Bill's (W1KKF) brother-in-law. Don (KE1AY) sent out a very nice thank you letter to Ron for his generous donation.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (KC1ACN) has come forward to be the new Station Activities Manager. Thank you Rob for stepping into this very important role in the club.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – Next activity meeting is June 25 which will be Field day pack up.

Nets –

10M – 10 check in's this past week.
6M – 6 this past week and 9 the week prior.
2M – 6 check in's this past week.

Castle Craig – Next activity is the Spirit of 76 end of June into July for 1 week. Work anybody in any of 6 modes. Find all the rules at <http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/Spirit.pdf>

Hamfests – Not discussed.

Key Klix – Not published.

Membership – No new members since last business meeting, total stands at 55.

Interference and Technical – Not discussed

Repeater – Not discussed

Instruction & Testing – Currently Don (KE1AY) has had no queries for a VE session. If anyone wants to have a testing session just let Don know. Don needs about 10 days notice to set the session up and at least two people taking the test.

Candy Store – Hats are available (nice garb to wear at Field Day).

EmComm – The next activity will be the Fishbein walk in September.



Misc Old Business –

DMR committee – Chris (WA1VXH) asked we defer this until after the shack gets built and purchase of new HF rig is concluded. Chris will oversee the DMR committee once reactivated.

Operate W1AW – Paul (K1SEZ) is checking with ARRL to see if we can accomplish this as an evening or Saturday activity.

Antenna at clubhouse – Haggie (KB1HCC) has assembled the fiberglass poles that will be mounted atop the phone poles. Next step is to add a few coats of paint to the poles for UV protection. The club will make the G5RV. Finalization will be a two step process; 1) put the antenna up, 2) lay coax feed to the antenna. Step two may be implemented as a temporary feed. Need to hear from the town engineer on how the fed line has to put in the ground.

New Rig – The current Kenwood radios are pretty old and don't have modern front-ends so events like Field Day make for difficult operation. The Radio Committee made recommendations for the K3S. The K3S is a very good radio however the price tag is roughly \$5,000. The ICOM 7600 was the other rig that the committee suggested as an alternative. The K3S is an expandable rig that could grow as the club needs grow; the ICOM 7600 is a fixed rig but offers firmware updates. Other radios were mentioned including Kenwood and Yaesu. A motion was made and agreed to that the rig budget is \$3000. A motion was made to purchase the ICOM 7600 and was voted down. The radio committee will now review radios based on a \$3000 budget. The committee has 6 members; Rob (chair, KC1ACN) John B. (N1GRV), Dave (W1CTN), Rich (WA1TRY), Jim (N1ZN), Al (N1API). Bill (W1KKF) will be the tie breaker decision maker.

Field Day –

Publicity - Jim (N1ZN). The Advisor has the information and will print an article, The Record Journal will have the information this Monday.

Food – John B. (N1GNV).

Generators – John B. (N1GNV) and Haggie (KB1HCC) have generators.

Information booth – Steve (KC1AXJ) Will have 2 signup sheets; One for Guest/Visitor, the other for Club Participant (for insurance reasons). Placing past QST magazines at the table was suggested.

Solar Panels & Batteries – Bob (KB1FYL).

ARRL message PSK31 – Steve (KC1AXJ).

Educational activities – still open.

GOTA coach is needed.

Looking for CW operators to do perhaps an extended shift due to some holes in the schedule

Suggestion was made to push the food prep & serving area more to the rear of the pavilion and place the GOTA station, information booth and other Radio stuff at the front of the pavilion.

Haggie (KB1HCC) will work with Chris (WA1VXH) to get keys and permits since Chris will be out of town on Field Day.

Need someone with a trailer hitch to assist getting trailer from club house to field.



New Business –

Scholarship recommended changes were made at the meeting

- STEM related
- Minimum 3.75 GPA required
- Community service
- Need based
- Rotate towns each year between Wallingford and Meriden
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This will require a rewrite of the constitution to reflect these changes. This was voted on and approved. Don is working with Dan (W1DMM) on this. Dan has the tribal knowledge of the constitution and the laws surrounding the document.

A discussion was had about increasing the Scholarship amount from the current value of \$500 to something higher. Haggie (KB11HCC) will report back at the next business meeting the performance of the Scholarship fund mutual fund to see if this is a possibility.

Meeting was closed at 8:46PM

Meeting Attendees on June 11, 2015

| Call Sign | Name | |
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| KC1ACN | Rob Cichon | |
| N1API | Al Kaiser | |
| KE1AU | Robert Kaczor | |
| KC1AXJ | Stephen Allen | |
| KE1AY | Donald Mitchell | |
| W1CTN | Dave Arruzo | |
| KB1FYL | Robert W. Carruthers | |
| WB1GYZ | Bob Biancur | |
| KB1HCC | Jonathan Winslow | |
| KB1JL | Eric Olsen | |
| WV2LKM | Steve Waldmann | |
| K1SEZ | Paul Ciezniak | |
| KB1TJD | Gaianne Jenkins | |
| WA1VXH | Christian Sievert | |
| N1ZN | James Savage | |
| W1KKF | Bill Wawrzeniak | |
| KB1CMK | Dan Busa | Guest |