



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

### **March 2015**

The business meeting opened at 7:30PM EDST on March 12, 2015 with 20 people in attendance (18 members and two guests). 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 March 26 and is an activity meeting.

Rich (WA1TRY) has volunteered to be our Program and Entertainment Chairman. Thanks Rich

**Introductions** – All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Secretary's Report** – February's report was published on the website and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Reviewed at meeting and accepted.

Audit of 2014 is in process by Jim (N1ZN) and John (K1VDF).

**Contributions** – None

**Correspondence** – 1 Dues paid envelop received.

**Scholarship** – Nothing discussed

#### **Club Station & Facilities –**

Rich (WA1TRY) gave a report of the upgrade of the club laptop. Rich installed Win7 32-bit, SSD hard drive, new version of N1MM. The next upgrade will be adding more memory. Rich is building a bookcase computer for the shack. The Laptop will then be used for field day type events while the bookcase computer will be used in the shack. Rich found the bails for the rigs used to lift the rigs off a table for easier dial/button manipulation. The room for the shack has been gutted and ready for build up. Rich needs to discuss with Ernie II the 220V/20A upgrade for the room.

#### **Club Activities & Program (the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month) –**

Next activity meeting is March 26. Topic for this meeting is the WRTC 2014 video.

#### **Nets –**

10M – 10 to 12 per week.

6M – nothing reported

2M – Under a handful per week.

#### **Castle Craig –**

Results from the 10-10 Winter QSO party were announced and the Castle Craig chapter came in second place!



Because of the QSO party AI (N1API) will be able to get an additional bar for the club 10-10 news reports W1NRG is one of the top 10 clubs for submitting bars.

### Hamfests –

Date for this year's event is October 18, 2015. This is one week after Columbus day. Director suggestions was tabled and voted on. The 2015 Directors are:

Bill (W1KKF)  
John B (N1GNV)  
Rich (WA1TRY)

### Key Klix –

Trivia contest continues. If you have inputs let Dave (K1WJL) know. Excellent job Dave.

### Membership –

Not Paid 2014 – approximately 15  
Paid 2015 – 39

A motion was tabled to adopt the following membership payment rules.

1. Dues are to be paid by January 1. Dues are \$15.
2. New members (haven't been a member in the past), who join after July 1st, get current year and following year for the fee of \$15.
3. After July 1 of calendar year, a delinquent dues member can pay \$5 to make membership current **plus** pay next year's dues (total of \$20).
4. Seniors, student and additional family membership rates still apply.

The above was voted on and accepted; effectively this is the dues payment rules moving forward.

The club web page will be updated to reflect this.

### Interference and Technical –

No shack yet so nothing discussed for the club shack, nothing tabled from members on topic.

### Repeater – Not discussed

### Instruction & Testing –

Don (KE1AY) indicated to Bill (W1KKF) that a session will be held at this year's Hamfest.

### Candy Store –



New hats are in. 10 were ordered and are in. Nice hats with Velcro adjustment straps.

Also, Gold Medal Ideas, a vendor who does frequent the Nutmeg Hamfest, has good prices on T-shirts and jackets. The club has approximately 50 patches so they can use our patches but they also have our logo and can embroider that onto the clothing. Anyone interested in Jackets or T-shirts should let Jim (N1ZN) know.

### Club Media – Not discussed



### EmComm –

Chris (WA1VXH) is taking on the role with Joe (KC1BAQ) leaving the area. Chris has been speaking with the fire chief, looking for painting of the shack room. Paul (K1SEZ) has a high school candidate who needs the community service hours. Paul will let Chris know if this person can do this work, if not, many members present stated they would volunteer their time for the painting duty.

The Cheshire MS Walk is April 19, 2015. Looking for volunteers please let Chris know if you can help out with this event.

### Misc Old Business –

Rich (WA1TRY) is in process of remounting the plaques. When completed there will be room for about 15 more names that could be added. Rich expects to be complete within two months.

WiFi in the firehouse. Steve (KC1AXJ) read the minutes from February's meeting in the subject. Suggestion was made to continue with WiFi hotspot we currently have.

Field day posters. From the last meeting, Jim (N1ZN) will print posters and Steve (KC1AXJ) will get information to Y and community access channel.

### New Business –

DMR repeater from Steve (K1IIG) is up for sale to the club for \$1800 for entire package including duplexer, antenna, power supply and radio. A discussion was had and Wayne (N1CLV) discussed the Connecticut ARES DMR network. A motion was tabled if the club is interested in the purchase of Steve's repeater and being on 'Steve's' network. A vote was taken and the club voted down this motion. A motion was tabled if the club is still interested in a DMR repeater. The club voted there is still interest and asked for volunteers for a DMR committee. The following are the folks stepped forward to investigate and present findings to the club in the future

Chris (WA1VXH)  
Eric (KB1JL)  
John (K1VDF)  
Rich (WA1TRY)  
Mark (K1PU)

Paul (K1SEZ) tabled that Chris Stone asked if the club is interested in supporting an ISS contact with a Meriden school for 2016. Biggest item the club will need is a rotor, most all items the club has. A vote was taken and it was decided this is something we want to do as a club.

Steve (KC1AXJ) tabled that Doug (WA1SFH) asked if the club would create a position of a Youth Coordinator whose function is to "Encourage and foster youth to become licensed and involved in club activities". Chris (WA1VXH) will ask Doug for more clarification and tentatively schedule a date in the future for Doug to address the club at one of our meetings. It was felt, as a club, we do this now.

Rich (WA1TRY) tabled a W1AW Saturday field trip to operate the station all day to see if there is interest. This would be the third time W1NRG has done this type of activity. A majority of the folks present were positive so Rich will coordinate this for an early summer date, enough time to get into QST publication.



Meeting adjourned by voice vote at 8:42 PM EDST.

**Meeting Attendees on March  
12, 2015**

AF1HS	Art Fregeau
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olsen
KB1FYL	Robert Carruthers
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow
KB1MMS	Ron Slack
KC1AXJ	Steve Allen
KJ4PV	Gary Bleasdale
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1BF	Pat Dionne
N1ZN	Jim Savage
W1KKF	Bill Wawreniak
WA1TRY	Rich Aubin
WA1VXH	Chris Sievert
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
N1CLV	Wayne Groudland – Guest
KA9CRG	Matt Valleau – Guest.