



## Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) April 2016

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on April 14, 2016 with 22 people in attendance.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Dave (K1WJL)  
Steve (KC1SA), Rob (KC1ACN).

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

**Announcements** – Next meeting is 4/28/2016 activity meeting, nothing planned yet. As an FYI the New England QSO party is May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and is headed up by K1KI. This Sunday is the MS walk in Cheshire and the ARRL SSB Rookie Round up is this Sunday.

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

**Secretary's Report** – The March 2016 Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read. There were no corrections or questions on the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report** – A report was given by Dave (K1WJL) and accepted.

**Contributions** – A donation from Ed (W1YSM) to the club intended to purchase a Dunestar filter. Many thanks to Ed for the generous donation to the club, Ed is very appreciative of the club help and assistance and welcoming him to the Amateur Radio world.

**Correspondence** – Membership dues, Investment statements and our Liability Insurance.

**Program & Entertainment** – MARC is still looking for someone to take this vacant Chairman spot.

**Scholarship** – No applications have been received yet. Some discussion was had pertaining 'what if' no one applies. Jim (N1ZN) will send out emails to the Wallingford Guidance Counselors. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the dead line for applicants.

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rob (KC1ACN) reported the Dunestar has been ordered and the invoice was to Dave (K1WJL). Rob also discussed the tower at the old club site; Bill (W1KKF), John (K1VDF), John (K1LYP) and Rob (KC1ACN) have had discussion on the new firehouse antennas, the 40 foot tower (from SCOW site) with the T6 and VHF / UHF on top of that would suffice. The standing tower at the SCOW building looks good, the tower on the ground at SCOW looks to have surface rust. Further investigation needs to be done on the rust on the tower that is down, the club will use the better of the two towers. Haggie (KB1HCC) is conversing with the antenna team listed above about converting the towers to a tilt over installation. Rob also reported that Al (N1API) has a computer that Al will donate to the club for station PC at the new facility. Bill (W1KKF) has had conversations with Ernie on the new facility but we'll have to wait a bit on that as Ernie wants the Fire Chief involved on decisions however Ernie is out of the area until next week.

**Club Activities & Program (the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)** – Nothing planned yet for this coming meeting.

## **Nets –**

10M – John (K1VDF) reported 12 per week 28.375 on Tuesday at 8PM local time.

6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported usually get a little more than 10 check in's (hi hi). 50.175 8PM local on Mondays

2M – Todd (K1TDO) has good turn outs, meets 7PM on Tuesdays on the W1KKF repeater

**Castle Craig** – The summer 10-10 QSO party is August 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>, Al (N1API) is looking for someone to kick off a net prior to the event, KC1SA tentatively has stated he can run the net prior to the kick off and to pass out the club's 10-10 number during the event. Our 10-10 club membership expires next month and is \$25 for a five year membership. A motion was made and voted on to renew our membership which was unanimously agreed on to pay our membership for the next five years.

**VE session** – There will be a testing VE session on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1PM at the Cook Hill location.

**Key Klix** – Excellent job Dave. Dave is always looking for articles and pictures.

**Membership** – 66 members, still 6 members that have not paid.

**Interference and Technical** – Rich was not present

**Repeater** – Not discussed

**Hamfest** - There was a meeting last week of the Hamfest committee. At the moment the topics to be presented at Hamfest are Skywarn and a talk on Balloon launching.

**Instruction & Testing** – Not discussed

**Candy Store** – Hat, \$10.

**EmComm** – No inputs.

## **Misc Old Business –**

Field Day – Jim (N1ZN) is field day chairman. The club will operate as 2F unless we have to put up antenna. The certificate to use Marcus Cooke Park will be turned back in to the since we'll be operating from the fire station. John (N1GNV) is taking care of food.

Rob (KC1ACN) is working on the PhotoShop document for changing the Elmer of the year award wording.

Rob (KC1ACN) is working on an interface to get the club rigs to function in true RTTY mode. This is a computer interface that allows RTTY and CW operation from N1MM+.

## **New Business –**

990N forms. If you are non-profit making less than \$50k / year then this form can be filled out on line. Dave will file on line this form with the IRS. Dave will supply a copy of the confirmation of the 990-N to Bill (W1KKF) and Steve (KC1SA).

Chris (WA1VXH) suggested there be more bonding between MRC and our club..

Badges will be made at the May Activity meeting.

New England QSO party from the club house, show of hands had six folks interested in operating at the club house. Rob (KC1ACN) will pull this together.

**Meeting was closed at 8:31 PM**

**Meeting Attendees on April 14, 2016**

<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>AB1DQ</b>	<b>James Suprenant</b>
K1LHO	Mike Ash
<b>K1LYP</b>	<b>John Yusza</b>
K1MVM	Mike Macri
<b>K1PU</b>	<b>Mark Mocoski</b>
<b>K1VDF</b>	<b>John Blevins</b>
<b>K1WJL</b>	<b>Dave Swedock</b>
KB1JL	Eric Olson
KB1ZMK	Daniel Busa
<b>KC1ACN</b>	<b>Rob Cichon</b>
<b>KC1SA</b>	<b>Stephen Allen</b>
<b>W1YSM</b>	<b>Ed Snyder</b>
<b>KE1AU</b>	<b>Robert Kaczor</b>
<b>KE1AY</b>	<b>Donald Mitchell</b>
<b>N1API</b>	<b>Al Kaiser</b>
<b>N1GNV</b>	<b>John Bartscherer</b>
<b>N1ZN</b>	<b>James Savage</b>
<b>W1DQ</b>	<b>John Elengo</b>
<b>W1KKF</b>	<b>Bill Wawrzeniak</b>
<b>WA1VXH</b>	<b>Christian Sievert</b>
<b>WA1ZVY</b>	<b>Tony, Jim Martin</b>
<b>WV2LKM</b>	<b>Steve Waldmann</b>