



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

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on February 11, 2016 with 13 people in attendance plus two guests.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Dave (K1WJL)  
Steve (KC1AXJ), Rob (KC1ACN).

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

**Announcements** – Next meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup>, it is an activity meeting. Program and Entertainment chairman is still needed by the club.

**Introductions** – All in attendance introduced themselves plus two guests

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

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

**Contributions** – None

**Correspondence** – Membership applications from KB1EHE and KB1IFZ with payment, change of mailing address for N1HCA, Vanguard statements and HRIA insurance bill. The insurance bill is due March 1, 2016 for \$75 (one year of insurance coverage). This is the equipment insurance not the liability insurance. Dave (K1WJL) will pay this bill.

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

**Scholarship** – Accepting applications from the Town of Wallingford (even years are Wallingford, odd years are Meriden). Don has sent letters out to the high schools in town.

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rob (KC1ACN) reported that the club operated NAQP 2016 SSB we had about 3900 points with 5 operators operating at the club house with no log errors. The N1MM+ clinic for the next activity meeting is coming together nicely. There haven't been any takers for the ARRL CW DX contest which is 2/21 & 2/22, please see Bill (W1KKF) or Rob (KC1ACN) if interested. A discussion was held about how to interface CW/RTTY into N1MM+ and we'll need to either build or purchase an interface. There is a simple interface from W3YY and Rob will try to get this to work with the club's rigs. Rob also has a new sign out log for members that want to check out club equipment.

**Club Activities & Program (the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)** – The February 25<sup>th</sup> Activity meeting will N1MM+ use presentation / discussion by Rob (KC1ACN).

**Nets** –

10M – John (K1VDF) reported 10 to 12 check in's this week, good consistency since Christmas time  
6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported this past week was down to 3, but usually 6 to 8.  
2M – Todd (K1TDO) this past week there were 6..  
Castle Craig – Winter QSO party was this past weekend, thanks for those that operated.

**Castle Craig** –

**Hamfests** -

**Key Klix** – Dave reported a slow month. Next month with will have an interview section.

**Membership** – KB1IFZ and KB1EHE applications were voted on and accepted as new members into MARC. Welcome!

**Interference and Technical** – Rich (WA1TRY) was not present so nothing discussed.

**Repeater** – Not discussed

**Instruction & Testing** – Not discussed

**Candy Store** – Hat, \$10.

**EmComm** – KC1AYL was not present. No information from Ernie on the shack status.

**Misc Old Business** –

The club is changing the last line on the Elmer of the year award (the printed award). The bottom line will be changed to “By the Meriden Amateur Radio Club for providing guidance in advancement of Amateur Radio.”

**New Business** – Field Day operating location was raised of either having the event at the club house or at Marcus Cooke Park. A vote was held and Field Day 2016 will be held at the club house. Chris (WA1VXH) will verify the club house is available that day.

Having a secure area on the W1NRG server for documents for officers was discussed. Mark (K1PU) will set up a secure test area for us to try out. The intent is to have a common document storage that all club officers can have access to.

Having the club roster on the web site was brought up. The current club roster which will have the Name, Call Sign and Email address will be on the members area of the website, if members want more details than these three items (Name, Call Sign, Email) then see Dave (K1WJL) for a paper copy.

The question came up about if W1NRG club call sign participates with LoTW, QSL Cards, eQSL, etc. Steve (KC1AXJ) will investigate with Bob (KE1AU) on getting W1NRG on LoTW and report back at the

March business meeting. Bob (KE1AU) is the club QSL manager and takes care of the QSL card correspondences.

Al (N1API) let us know that Radio Amateur Callbook is installed on the club laptops.

**Meeting was closed at 8:25 PM**

**Meeting Attendees on February 11, 2016**

Call Sign	Name
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olson
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin