



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

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on January 14, 2016 with 18 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 January 28th, it is an activity meeting. Program and Entertainment chairman is still needed.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves plus two guests

Secretary's Report – November's Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read as was the minutes reported from the December Christmas party. There were no questions.

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

Contributions – None

Correspondence – Vanguard documents were received, club membership applications and membership dues were received.

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

Scholarship – At the end of December shares of the Vanguard Star Fund was converted to the Vanguard Equity Income Fund. The Star Fund is the club's money and the Equity Income Fund is the Scholarship's money. The new rules for the scholarship are on the website right after the club constitution; http://www.w1nrg.com/website/Club_Information/Constitution/Constitution.html

Scholarship committee members are: Don (KE1AY), Jim (N1ZN), Rob (KC1ACN), Bill (W1KKF), Dave (K1WJL) and Steve (KC1AXJ). If anyone else would want to be on the committee let Don or Bill know of your intentions.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (KC1ACN) reported there is interest in the NAQP that is happening this weekend. Rob will set the station up based on interest in operating this contest as W1NRG. Thanks Rob.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – January 28th Activity meeting will be the MARC reflector and other Club knowledge tidbits. The February 25th Activity meeting will N1MM+ use presentation / discussion.

Nets –

Todd, John and Jim gave a few minutes talk on the Nets.

10M – John (K1VDF) reported 10 to 12 check in's this week.

6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported 6 to 8 check in's this week.

2M – Todd (K1TDO) reported 9 check in's this week and 6 last week..

Castle Craig – Al (N1API) reported the 10-10 QSO party is February 6 & 7. There will be a Castle Craig Net at 23:45Z on February 5. Look forward to seeing 10-10 members on this QSO Party.

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Hamfests - Appointed three directors for Nutfest, they are W1KKF (President) N1GNV (Vice-President) WA1TRY (Treasurer); KC1AXJ has volunteered as secretary. The date of the event is October 16, 2016. First meeting of the Hamfest committee will be sometime after February 20, 2016. N1GNV will be contacting the hotel for this date and W1KKF will be sending out information to the ARRL making the October event a sanctioned event.

Key Klix – Dave (K1WJL) appreciates the articles folks are writing so keep them coming for publication. Great job on this Dave.

Membership – Dave (K1WJL) reported there are currently 46 members paid up for calendar year 2016 dues and 16 have yet to pay their dues for this year. Betsy (K1EIC) is being removed from the club roster but will continue to receive Key Klix. Two new membership applications were received via mail, a motion was made and voted on to accept KC1AYL (Mike) and KC1EVI (Gerard) into the club. Both folks have been accepted into the club -- congratulations folks. Club membership is now at 64 total members now including 4 life members.

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

Repeater – Not discussed

Instruction & Testing – Not discussed

Candy Store – Still have hats for \$10, see Jim (N1ZN) if you'd like one. A question came up with name tags and how is the best way to get one. Individuals should look to Gold Medal Ideas (one of our vendors at Hamfest and they have our club logo) or the The SignMan of Baton Rouge .

<http://www.goldmedalideas.com/shop/>

<http://www.thesignman.com/>

EmComm – KC1AYL was not present.

Misc Old Business –

Rob (KC1ACN) and Mark (K1PU) have taken over the management of the internet server. Mark is still waiting for Rich (WA1TRY) to gather information and pass it to Mark. As note, it's been just about 2 years that the new website has been active and we've had over 6,700 visitors!

The hotspot activation was raised. If the club needs access to clusters during contests which we operate as a club, Rob (KC1ACN) will purchase a 30 day activation for \$40 and the club will pay for it. Basically purchase the activation when needed. In the long run this is a less costly option than paying for each month.

Training for N1MM+ software was to happen at the January meeting, but we'll move this February 25th due some scheduling. The January activity meeting will be the MARC reflector and other club knowledge tidbits.

New Business – The Elmer of the Year award certificate wording was brought up. The award has no explanation for what the award is for however the Ham of the Year award does explain what it is for (on the certificate). It was discussed to add some wording to the certificate to explain what the Elmer of the Year award is for, something to the liking of “outstanding mentoring of hams” or similar. The discussion was tabled and will be brought up at the next Business Meeting.

Discussion of the NAQP contest this weekend was brought up. It was determined there is enough interest to operate this contest as a club Rob will put the gear up on Saturday morning.

Meeting was closed at 8:10 PM

Meeting Attendees on January 14, 2016

Call Sign	Name
AB1DQ	Jim Suprenant
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1TDO	Todd Olsen
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olson
KB1ZMK	Daniel Busa
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1GNV	John Bartscherer
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann