



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

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on June 9, 2016 with 14 people in attendance.

Officers present:

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

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

**Announcements** – The next meeting is 6/23/2016 for Field Day preparation.

Ed (W1YSM ) has volunteered to be the Program & Entertainment Chairman. Thanks Ed!

There was to be a VE session on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse but the folks needing that session tested early so there will be **no session this Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>**.

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

**Secretary's Report** – The May 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** – None reported

**Correspondence** – Islands award was received for the event the club participated in last August. This was for Island CT035L. Also receive a Vanguard prospectus (junk mail).

**Program & Entertainment** – Ed reported that the MARC will be sponsoring a presentation by the current CEO of the ARRL Tom Gallagher (NY2RF) will be speaking at the Wallingford Public Library on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. The will be "The ARRL, Second Century". We will invite other local radio clubs to the discussion. The library will advertise this and the event is open to the general public.

A Raspberry PI discussion is being planned for one our activity meetings in the near future.

**Scholarship** – Nothing to report.

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rob (KC1ACN) has been working to repurpose two Dell towers for rig controllers. Rob pulled one together from the graveyard where he works while the other is a donation from Al (N1API). Long term these two towers will be mated to the rigs for rig control. For Field Day the Toshiba laptop will be used for the CW station.

**Club Activities & Program (the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)** - Next activity meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup> and prepping for Field Day at the Firehouse.

**Nets** –

10M – John (K1VDF) reported check ins are down a bit.. Net is on 28.375 Tuesday at 8PM local time.  
6M – Jim (N1ZN) was on vacation for the meeting but the Net is at 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>, Steve (KC1SA) has volunteered to have a kick off net prior to the QSO party and will issue out the Castle Craig 10-10 number during the QSO party. Al (N1API) and Steve will meet prior to the event to iron out the details

**VE session** – A session was scheduled for Thursday 6/16/2016 but an email from the folks needed the session this weekend stated they tested at HQ on 6/11 so the **session has been postponed**. If anyone needs a testing session let Don (KE1AY) be aware of your needs.

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

**Membership** – Harry (KC1CYC) and Matt (KC1FOK) applied for membership. A motion was made and voted on to include these new members; a unanimous vote accepted Harry and Matt to the club. Welcome to the club folks.

Dave (K1WJL) reported that we have 61 members in the club.

*A reminder about dues (excerpt from the March 2015 business meeting minutes);*

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.

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

**Repeater** – Not discussed.

**Hamfest** - The event is on schedule. Hotel is booked. John (K1LYP) is confirming the speakers for Balloon Launch, Skywarn and the ARRL speakers.

**Candy Store** – Not discussed. Anyone wanting apparel other than hats or T-Shirts, you can contact Gold Medal Ideas (<http://www.goldmedalideas.com/0>) since they have the club logo on file.

**EmComm** – Mike Meadows (KC1AYL) needs and additional 5 folks to help out with communication for Tour de Cure on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>. The 147.360 repeater will be used for this event.

**Misc. Old Business** –

#### Field Day

Jim (N1ZN), chairman for Field Day, was on vacation for this meeting. The CW station has all 24 hour operating time slots booked. The SSB station will be scheduled by Jim (N1ZN). Let Jim know if you want to operate SSB on Field Day. In the spirit of Field Day we want to have 24 hour coverage for both CW and SSB operation.

GOTA is headed up by Eric and Elsie (KB1EHE and KB1IFZ) with their equipment. Thanks folks!

John (K1LYP) will setup and operate the VHF station for message passing.

Rob (KC1ACN) will operate/coordinate the satellite pass QSO.

Bill (W1KKF) will set up the solar setup on 40M for making the 5 contacts to get an additional 100 points.

Steve (KC1SA) will set up the information table, blog site, and copy the W1AW message.

Jim (N1ZN) is taking care of publicity.

Public Elected official – Al Adinolfi and John LeTourneau have been invited.

Site Visit by served agency – Ernie St.Amant is invited and Bill is inviting Eloise Hazelwood.

The club will operate as 2F.

#### Elmer of the Year

The Elmer of the year certificate is being updated with the new wording. Rob (KC1ACN) is nearly complete with this task

#### Incorporation

Connecticut Incorporation status of the Nutmeg Hamfest and the MARC; Rich (WA1TRY) is changing the Agent of Record for the Nutmeg Hamfest to Bill (W1KKF). The charge for the AOR change was \$20. Dave (K1WJL) will be updating the Tax Incorporation records for the club this summer. No AOR change will be made for the MARC (W1DMM is the AOR).

#### **New Business –**

The ARRL Library presentation by Tom Gallagher, see Program and Entertainment for details.

No news on the move to the new facility.

Steve Waldmann (WV2LKM) has volunteered to be the club librarian. Our current books are in the SCOW building. When we get to the new facility we will set up the library at that time.

#### **Meeting was closed at 8:26 PM**

#### **Meeting Attendees on June 9, 2016**

| Call Sign | Name            |
|-----------|-----------------|
| K1LYP     | John Yusza      |
| K1VDF     | John Blevins    |
| K1WJL     | Dave Swedock    |
| KB1JL     | Eric Olson      |
| KC1ACN    | Rob Cichon      |
| KC1FOK    | Matt Huskes     |
| KC1SA     | Stephen Allen   |
| KE1AU     | Robert Kaczor   |
| KE1AY     | Donald Mitchell |
| N1API     | Al Kaiser       |
| W1DQ      | John Elengo     |
| W1KKF     | Bill Wawrzeniak |
| W1YSM     | Ed Snyder       |
| WV2LKM    | Steve Waldmann  |