



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

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on March 10, 2016 with 19 people in attendance.

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 March 24<sup>th</sup> and is an activity meeting. No topic has yet been announced as of yet. On Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> Bill (W1KKF) and Chris (WA1VXH) have a meeting with Ernie St. Amant ( about our club having to move out of the Cook Hill Firehouse and to the Yalesville Firehouse (Hope Hill Road, across from Sheehan High School). Bill and Chris will find more out on Monday.

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

**Secretary's Report** – The February 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

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

**Scholarship** – Letters have been sent to the schools in Wallingford (Even years are Wallingford, odd years are Meriden). No applications have been received yet.

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rob (KC1ACN) reported W1NRG operated in NAQP SSB 2016 and we had four operators. N1GNV, K1TDO, N1ZN and KC1ACN operated for the club and obtained at score of 3139 with 73 QSOs. Many thanks for operating and assisting with setup and take down.

**Club Activities & Program (the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)** –. The Activity meeting is not set however Steve (KC1AXJ) will present on the Software Defined Radio (SDR) and FPGA use if no one steps forward.

**Nets** –

10M – John (K1VDF) reported 10 per week

6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported usually get a little more than 10 check ins (hi hi).

2M – Todd (K1TDO) good turn outs.

**Castle Craig** – Spirit of 76 is in July, Summer QSO party is coming up too.

**VE session** – KC1AXJ will let Don know there is interest in having a VE testing session with two or three club members wanting to attend the testing.

**Hamfests** – We received a letter from Tom Frenay (K1KI), ARRL New England Director, letting us know that the Connecticut State Convention has been approved. The deposit for the hotel has been paid. There will be a meeting of the Nutmeg Hamfest committee within the next month. Schedule for the Hamfest is October 16, 2016 at the Four Points Hotel in Meriden.

**Key Klix** – Excellent job Dave.

**Membership** – Ed Snyder (KC1FCJ) General class and Steve Morley (W1LV) Extra class applications were voted on and accepted as new members into MARC. Welcome! Currently we have 68 members; however 12 members have not paid 2016 dues, notices have gone out to those members.

**Interference and Technical** – Rob (KC1ACN) let folks know he's working on a Ham Radio Deluxe issue with Dan (KB1ZMK).

**Repeater** – Not discussed

**Instruction & Testing** – Not discussed

**Candy Store** – Hat, \$10.

**EmComm** – Mike Meadows (KC1AYL) was not present. Steve (KC1AXJ) let folks know April 17<sup>th</sup> is the Cheshire MS walk. The Tour de Cure is June 12<sup>th</sup> (Diabetes). If you are interested in helping out with these let Mike know ([mhmeadows@gmail.com](mailto:mhmeadows@gmail.com)).

#### **Misc Old Business** –

Field Day – W1KKF raised the question if we would want to have Field Day at Marcus Cooke Park. After much discussion a vote was taken if we would be operating indoors or from Marcus Cooke Park. The club voted to operate field day from indoors.

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

Storage area (secure area) on the W1NRG web site was discussed. K1PU reported that for the most part the ability to store information to a secure upload / download area is done, just needs some fine tuning.

Robert (KE1AU), our QSL manager, will take care of uploading logs to LoTW. Chris (WA1VXH), trustee for W1NRG, took care of requesting the credentials from LoTW. When that post card is received we will give that card to Robert. In the future, W1NRG logs will be given to Robert so they can be uploaded to LoTW. In the future we may wish to progress to eQSL and QRZ logbooks but let's get LoTW done first.

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** –

The new W1NRG license has been received and expires May 2, 2026. Thanks to Chris (WA1VXH) for filling out the application and taking care of this.

Rob suggested that we purchase filters (either mono-band or a 6-band filter). These filters are needed when we operate multiple rigs during some of the events like Field Day. Coax stubs could also be used

discussed but having a filter box is a cleaner approach. We have one Dunestar 6-band filter and we need a second one. A vote was taken to purchase the filter with a switch (about \$500 total). The purchase was approved.

A suggestion was made to have ARRL 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary medallions to give out to visitors on Field Day.

Rob (KC1ACN) subscribes to K6TU propagation service. If anyone in the club needs propagation maps made let Rob know.

**Meeting was closed at 8:20 PM**

### **Meeting Attendees on February 11, 2016**

Call Sign	Name
AB1DQ	James Suprenant
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olson
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen
KC1FCJ	Ed Snyder
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1BF	Patrick Dionne
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1LV	Steve Morley
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann