



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

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on November 10, 2016 with 29 members in attendance at our new location on Hope Hill Road.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1SA), Dave (K1WJL), Rob (K1RCT)

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

Announcements –

The next meeting is the Christmas Party at Brothers Restaurant in Wallingford on December 8, 2016. The cost of the dinner is your dues; your significant other is \$15. Cash bar opens at 6PM, buffet opens at 7PM. Honorary awards are presented at this event.

The Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) has a few classes coming up at the Hope Hill Firehouse:

Psychological First Aid – 10/18/2016 from 6PM to 8PM, contact 203-294-2065 to register.

CT Animal Response Training – 11/21/2016 from 6PM to 8PM, contact 203-294-2065 to register.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The October 2016 Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read.

Treasurer's Report – Dave (K1WJL) gave a treasurers report and was accepted. Steve (KC1SA) and James (AB1DQ) will review the books and report back to Dave on their findings.

Contributions – Ed (W1YSM) purchased two headphone sets for our rigs. Thank s Ed!

Correspondence – One new membership application with check was received.

Program & Entertainment – Ed (W1YSM) went over our upcoming schedule:

December 8th – Holiday dinner at Brother's Restaurant with Tom Gallagher (NY2RF) giving a 10-15 minute talk. Betsy Doane (K1EIC) and Chuck Motes (K1DFS) are attending as guests of the club.

Need ideas from January moving forward, anyone with topics please email Ed (w1ysm@arri.net).

Scholarship – Cutoff for applications from students is April 15th. A vote was taken and passed to increase the scholarship amount to one-thousand dollars.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (K1RCT) presented status for the month.

The two club headsets were broken, one was repaired and Ed purchased two additional Heil headsets so now we have three headsets for the rigs (thanks Ed).

The club operated CQ WW SSB from the Cook Hill location, 362 QSO for 216132 points. Nine members participated in the event.

Rob is nearly complete with the SPG service box for the new shack.

Volunteers are needed to move equipment to our new location over the next week. Let Rob know if you're able to assist.

ARRL SSB Sweeps is next weekend (11/18) and we need a team captain to make up the schedule of operation. Let Rob know if you can operate or be team captain for this contest. This contest is one the club participates in yearly.

A vote was taken to purchase three polyphaser lightning protection for the new location. These are \$70 per unit. The vote passed, Rob (K1RCT) will purchase three of these.

Nets –

6M – Jim (N1ZN) mentioned usually 6 to 7 check-ins. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time.

10M – John (K1VDF) gave a report of recent activity. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time.

2M – Todd (K1TDO) reported check in's for the 2M Net. This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time.

Castle Craig – Next event with 10-10 is the February QSO party.

VE session – A VE session was held at the Nutmeg Hamfest. Don (KE1AY) reported that 4 of the 5 folks successfully passed the exam.

Key Klix – Dave (K1WJL) is always looking for articles from members so keep the information rolling into Dave.

Membership – Four new members were voted into the club.

Jerry Molaver (K1TGX) - reinstate

Robert Speers (KC1GLM) – new member

John Collin, Jr. (N1JRC) - new member

Dave Sanford (KE1AV) - reinstate

Dave (K1WJL) reported our membership is at 75 after these four new members were added to the roster.

Interference and Technical – Nothing to report.

Repeater – Not discussed.

Hamfest – Rich (WA1TRY) report the financial results of the Hamfest and gave a brief history of the event. A check was given to the MARC by Rich from the Nutfest proceeds at this meeting. The money will be placed in the club fund.

Candy Store – Gold Medal Ideas now has several types of shirts and a hat has been added to our landing page for Meriden ARC on their web page.

Here's the link to Gold Medal Ideas: <http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/ygs>

AuxComm – Chris (WA1VXH) participated in an event on November 2nd with the Wallingford police. This was a simulation emergency event to see how different departments work with each other. The town wants the Amateur Radio group to be part of emergency services. Once antennas are installed at

the new club house a simplex test should be done to verify communication within the town. Folks will have to go through a fundamental training session in order to participate in this group. The training, called Collect Training (Connecticut On-Line Law Enforcement Communication Teleprocessing) is held in Middletown. This new interaction with the town will require the club to have our own portable equipment (Go Box). A committee was put together to give recommendations to the club on what we should purchase/build a case, radio, antenna, battery. The committee is Chris (WA1VXH - Chairman), Rob (K1RCT), Jim (N1ZN), Eric (KB1JL), and Mike (K1MVM).

Bill (W1KKF) reported the poles were removed from the old club house and are at the new location waiting to be put in the ground. The tower at the SCOW building will be moved to the new location. The tower will have the log periodic antenna, the poles with the G5RV, and 2m/440 will be on the tower.

New Business:

The Website has been updated with our new address. If you find an error on any of the webs multiple pages let Mark (K1PU) know.

Bill (W1KKF) reported that sometime after the New Year the club will hold a technician class license class.

Officer elections were held, all seats were unopposed.

President:	Bill (W1KKF)
Vice President:	Al (N1API)
Treasurer:	Dave (K1WJL)
Secretary:	Steve (KC1SA)
Station Activities Manager:	Rob (K1RCT)

Ham of the year and Elmer of the year suggestions were listed and voted on. These two honorary awards will be announced and presented at the Christmas Party on December 8th.

Meeting was closed at 8:35 PM elections followed.

Meeting Attendees on November 10, 2016

Call Sign	Name
AB1DQ	James Surprenant
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1MYM	Mike Macri
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak
K1TDO	Todd Olsen
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1EHE	Eric Knight
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews
KB1JL	Eric Olssen
K1RCT	Rob Cichon
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzaniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1TRY	Rich Aubin
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
KE4EYA	Ralph Ring
K1STM	Anne West
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone
KC1GLM	Robert Steers