



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) May 2017

The MARC May business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EDST on May 11, 2017 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 22 members in attendance (21 plus one guest later voted into membership).

Officers present:

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

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

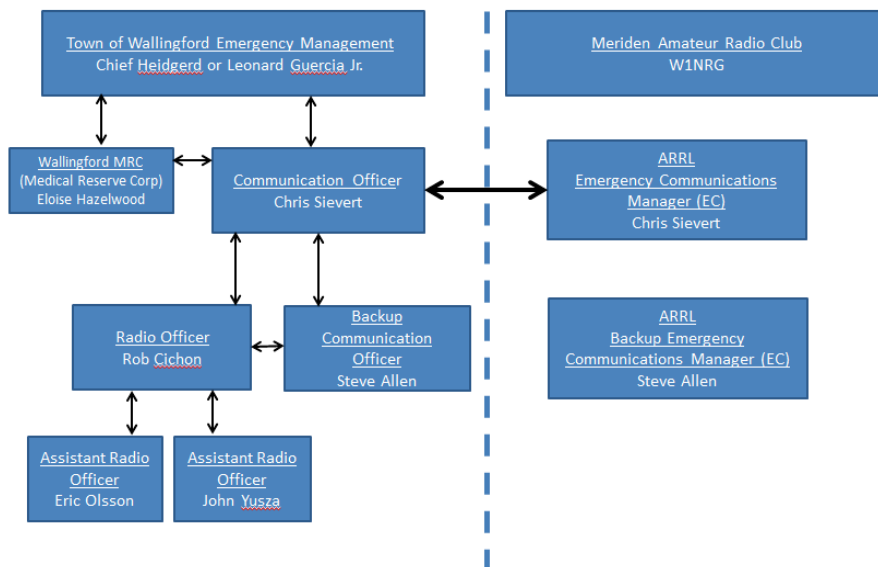
Announcements –

- Our next meeting is May 25th (Skywarn activity meeting)
- May 13th there is a VE session at the EOC at 1PM.
- Nutmeg Hamfest is October 8, 2017 at the Four Points in Meriden

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The April Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read. Below is quick review of what was presented at the April 27th activity meeting:

- Len Guercia addressed the membership
 - Discussed relationship of Wallingford Emergency Management and our club membership
- Club is 'divided' into two groups
 - Wallingford Radio Amateur Group
 - Meriden Amateur Radio Club
- Below is the Organization chart for the two groups



Treasurer's Report – Dave (K1WJL) gave a treasurers report and was accepted as reported. Dave also presented the state of finances of the club and recommendations from the finance committee. The recommendations of the finance committee are:

- Increase Dues to
 - Regular - \$20
 - Senior - \$15
 - No family membership
- Christmas Party should self-funded event starting this year.
 - Pay your own way
- A motion was made to vote on the recommendations and passed.
 - Dues, starting with the 2018 Calendar year, are;
 - \$20 for under folks under age 65
 - \$15 for seniors
 - The Christmas Party
 - Pay your own way
 - Dues and Party are separate expenses
 - Pay your dues
 - If you attend the Christmas party, you pay for that as well.

A motion was made to grandfather those who have paid in advance for future years. A vote was taken and accepted.

Reminder, Dues are due to the treasurer by January 1st.

For those individuals that cannot afford the yearly dues, contact the Bill (W1KKF) to discuss your situation.

Contributions – none.

Correspondence –

- Liability insurance documents.
- Dues Received (W1LV)
- Scholarship applications

Program & Entertainment – Ed (W1YSM) reviewed upcoming activity meeting dates and topics.

May 25 th	7PM to 10PM	Skywarn training
June 22 th	6:30PM – 7:30PM	COCORHS presentation
	7:30PM to 9PM	Field Day preparation
July 27 th		Lark in the Park/Fox Hunt
August 26 th		US Islands

Scholarship –

Scholarship applications were reviewed this evening after the normal business meeting. The recipient will be announced at the June business meeting.

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

- Two FT991A transceivers were received from Wallingford Emergency Management.

- There will be a check out procedure for all members wanting to use these rigs
 - Rob will oversee this certification
- FT991A are all band rigs so the future may see this rigs used for 2m and 6m bands.
- A HAM M rotator for the T7 Log Periodic was received.
 - No tower for now, the rotator and T7 will be mounted on one of the poles.
- Half of an omni-directional 2m antenna was received, waiting for 70cm version.
- Cable to the G5RV is now coiled up when not in use due to the lawn mowing season.

Nets –

- 6M – Al (N1API) reported for Jim (N1ZN) reported, a half dozen or so check-ins at the last net. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time.
- 10M – John (K1VDF) reported the net has been very active. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time.
- 2M – Rob (K1RCT) reported for Todd (K1TDO) and reported about a half dozen checked in to the 2M net. This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time.

Castle Craig – Al (N1API) stated The Spirit of '76 contest is coming up in July. Al will post an informational section in Key Klix.

VE session – A VE session is scheduled for Saturday May 13, 2017 and is posted on the ARRL site.

John (K1LYP) will hold a Technician licensing class on 6/10 and 6/13 here at the EOC. Contact John for more information.

On June 5th there will be a one-hour seminar at the Wallingford Public Library at 7PM. The title of the seminar is “An introduction to Amateur Radio”.

A motion was made to purchase 6 Technician class license books from the ARRL. The motion passed. Al (N1API) will pick them up from the ARRL next week.

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

Membership – The following members were added to the roster this evening.

Greg Ploski – No call sign yet. Welcome Greg!

Membership is at 85 now with addition of Greg.

Interference and Technical – Nothing to report.

Repeater – Not discussed.

Hamfest – Event is October 8, 2017 at the Four Points in Meriden. The hotel has confirmed the date with us.

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 – Steve (KC1SA) reported all those wanting to be part of the Emergency Communication Team should complete the IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800. These can be taken at your own pace at the following site: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>

Additionally folks should sign up for the First Aid and CPR/AED classes held periodically by the MRC. There will also be POD training in the fall timeframe (POD is Point Of Distribution).

The above trainings should be to be completed if you wish to participate in the simulated training exercise next year.

Swearing in will occur at the Taste of Wallingford/Celebrate Wallingford on October 7th. As the date gets closer we'll have more details.

Old Business:

Skywarn

- May 25th date is confirmed for 7PM to 10PM at the EOC
 - If attending be at the club house by 6:45PM and park at Moran Middle School if you could.
- This is the May activity night meeting
- If you are coming to the activity meeting then sign up for the training at the following site:
 - This is Upton training schedule site:
 - <http://www.weather.gov/okx/SkywarnTraining>
 - Going to that site and clicking on the "Register" hyperlink for the New Haven County training will take you to this site where you supply your information:
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgn7vyFnYcZk-UkR95NXjeUo9Sq88G1CFGLyty_xlX-o8zmQ/viewform
- 77 people are signed up now (5/8)
- Capacity in our building is comfortably 50 but we can accommodate 70

70th Anniversary

- Open format much like the 13-Colonies
- A single call sign, most likely W1NRG
 - Must sign up if you are going to operate
- Mark (K1PU) is the coordinator



The image is a yellow rectangular graphic with a calendar theme. On the left, there are two calendar icons: one for September 30, 2017, and one for October 1, 2017. To the right of these icons, the text reads: "MARC 70th Anniversary On Air Event". Below this, it says "Starts September 30, 2017 @ 0000 UTC (8PM Friday 9/29 local time)" and "Ends ... October 1, 2017 at 2959 UTC (8PM Sunday 10/1 local time)". At the bottom, it says "Location - Clubhouse and member stations".

Library

- New ARRL reference books to replace our out of date books
 - Steve (WV2LKM) purchased the reference books
 - See Steve if you want to check them out.

Christmas Party

- Presented by Al (N1API)
- One additional restaurant was thrown into the mix
 - Serafino's
 - \$ 25.09 / person, need to book for 50 people.

A motion was made to have Bill (W1KKF) book the Christmas party at Serafino's for \$25.09 / person and was passed. If we don't have 50 attendees the club will pay the difference.

Field Day

Steve (KC1SA) reported

- Operating as 2F
- KC1SA Field Day captain
 - W1KKF is CW captain
 - N1ZN is SSB captain

Look more details in Key Klix.

New Business

A motion was made to purchase two 20-cup coffee urn and was passed. Eric (KB1JL) was authorized to purchase these.

John (K1LYP) announced that we will need to vote on purchasing conduit for the antenna cabling. Pricing information will be available at the June business meeting.

Meeting was closed at 9:05 PM.

Meeting Attendees on May 11, 2017

FirstName	LastName	Callsign
Gregory	Ploski	
Joseph	Farrell	K1JCF
John	Yusza	K1LYP
Rob	Cichon	K1RCT
Anne	West	K1STM
John	Blevins	K1VDF
Dave	Swedock	K1WJL
Eric	Olsson	KB1JL
Robert	Steers	KC1GLM
Stephen	Allen	KC1SA
Robert	Kaczor	KE1AU
Donald	Mitchell	KE1AY
Al	Kaiser	N1API
Frank	Ciccione	N1OKR
James	Savage	N1ZN
Dave	Tipping	NZ1J
John	Elengo	W1DQ
Bill	Wawrzyniak	W1KKF
Ed	Snyder	W1YSM
Raymond A.	Irwin	WA1FFT
Bob	Biancur	WB1GYZ
Steve	Waldmann	WV2LKM