



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) April 2018

Meriden Amateur Radio Club meeting called to order April 12, 2018 at 19:30 hours by President WIKKF

Introductions of attendees were made.

Announcements;

WIKKF announced the next meeting is 4/26 and will be a discussion on SDR.

March Minutes:

March minutes highlights were read by KC1SA

Correspondences:

Two 2018 dues membership dues received and one Vanguard statement.

Membership:

Reminder letters were sent out for the 2017 members that have not paid their 2018 dues. Membership is 77 for 2018 (members that did pay their 2018 dues).

Treasurer report:

K1WJL read the financial report.

Activity Meetings

APRIL 26	SDR – Software Defined Radios [AA6E – Martin]
MAY 16 (Wed)	SKYWARN TRAINING - NEW HAVEN/MIDDLESEX [NWS Brian C] REGISTRATION REQUIRED [weather.gov/okx] 7:00p – 9:30p
MAY 24	DIGITAL MODES 101 (JT65,FT-8, etc) [K1RCT – Rob]
JUNE 28	ANTENNAE AND SWR MEASUREMENTS [K1VDF – John]
JULY 26	LARK IN THE PARK [WARG-MARC]
AUGUST 23	JEOPARDY FOR HAMS [K1LYP -JOHN]
SEPTEMBER 27	EMP and Faraday Cages – Shocking! [K1SKL – Steve]
OCTOBER 25	ECHOLINK and IRLP [K1LHO – Mike]

Station

Activities:

- Saturdays continue to be busy. Some new faces and some familiar learning studying, mentoring, assisting and operating the Club Memorial Station.

- Changed the electrical lockout lock one more time, someone had defeated the lock again.
- Tested cross-band operations with the Kenwood VHF/UHF radios.
- Worked on WSJT modes with the CW rig. FT8- JT-65 and JT-9 modes are now operation and created a WSJT menu profile on the computer attached to the CW rig for anyone wanting to use those modes.
- Found the LP antenna is 50 degrees CCW in error from indicated position on the controller. K1LYP will address this with the bucket truck with the ground firms up.

Club Nets:

Reports were given by K1VDF for the 10 meter net on 28.375 and by N1ZN on the 6 meter net on 50-175. Both are active. The 2m net had 5 or 6 check ins this past week

Castle Craig:

Nothing new to report, things have been quiet.

Scholarship:

- KE1AY would like to meet with the Scholarship committee on 4/21 at 9AM at the club house (OEM building).
 - Committee members are
 - N1ZN, K1LHO, KC1ISI, KE1AY, K1RCT, W1YSM

Interference:

WA1TRY is looking for a replacement to chair this committee. No takers yet.

VE:

Short discussion on success of our March 24th VE session. 8 people attended with 7 passing.

Nutfest:

- Awaiting 4-Points to set up a meeting with N1GNV, K1RCT & W1KKF in regards to seminar rooms.
- Date has been set to October 21, 2018.
- Tickets will cost \$8 this year.

Candy Store:

N1ZN says no news.

KeyKlix:

Keep articles and pictures coming to K1WJL.

EmCom:

- KB1JL reported DEC WA1SFH has assigned KB1JL as Wallingford EC.
- MS Walk is Sunday April 22nd at the Cheshire High School. Contact KB1JL if you wish to volunteer.
- June 30th table top exercise, need radio operator with go box working with Wallingford Emergency Communication.
- Go box committee to put one of the Kenwood UHF/VHF radios into a ammo can with a single 35Ah battery.
 - A motion was made and passed to spend a maximum of \$250 to do this.
 - QuickSilver Radio to performing the integration of the club's Kenwood UHF/VHF radio with equipment that QSR will provide.

Old Business:

- W1KKF has secured Serafino's regarding the December xmas party for December 13, 2018.
- Library being assisted by K1LYP and K1VDF while WV2LKM is recuperating.
- Treasury Audit. N1ZN reported this was completed and all is in order.
- Server committee (Internet presence) has not met yet.
- Constitution revision. Committee met on March 17th.
 - Recommended changes will be sent out to each club member for review.
 - May business meeting will have vote on proposed changes.
- SAM K1RCT is looking for town ARES emergency plan -- KB1JL has drafted a copy for review.
- K1RCT and W1YSM communicate with K1SOX on potential linking of W1KKF repeater with W1WPD repeater for emergency needs.

New Business

- Field Day – June 23rd/24th
 - Motion made and passed to operate as Class 2F.
 - Still looking for a Field Day chairman

Meeting adjourned at 2035 hours.

Attendees

Callsign	Name
K1JCF	Joseph Farrell
K1LHO	Mike Ash
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1STM	Anne West
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olsson
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
KE4EYA	Ralph Ring
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1GNV	John Bartscherer
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1FFT	Raymond A. Irwin