



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

The MARC January business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on February 15, 2018 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 21 members in attendance and two guests.

Officers present:

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

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

Announcements –

- Activity meeting - Feb 22nd test equipment discussion

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The January Secretary's Report was reviewed at the meeting and published on the W1NRG site and was recorded as read.

Treasurer's Report – Dave (K1WJL) gave the treasurers report and was accepted as presented.

Contributions – none.

Correspondence –

- Vanguard statements
- Five dues checks received
- One new applicant with payment received
- QSL cards

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

Scholarship –

At the March business meeting the postponed discussion, from January's business meeting, of expanding the scholarship area and Scholarship eligibility will be discussed. Please plan to attend to hear your voice.

Club Station & Facilities – K1RCT reported;

- Saturday activations at W1NRG are well attended
- Replaced lock on electrical lock out.
- Working on getting a 2m beam from K1TTT.

Nets –

- 6M – This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time, USB mode.
- 10M – This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time, USB mode.
- 2M – This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7:30PM local time, FM mode.

Castle Craig – Al reported the Net held prior to the winter QSO party on February 2nd had poor attendance. Scoring was low for the event.

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

Membership –

- Two new applicants
 - KC1ISI – Kristin Olsson
 - W1XK – Stanley Kugler

The membership roster stands at 95. Of the 95 on the roster there remain 17 folks who have not paid their 2018 dues

Interference and Technical – Nothing to report

Repeater – Not discussed.

VE Sessions – Next session is March 24th. This is a snap shot from the ARRL site:

EXAM SESSION
03/24/2018 | Wallingford CT 06492-2327
Sponsor: Meriden Amateur Radio Club
Location: Hope Hill Firehouse
Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
[Learn More](#)

Hamfest – Next meeting of the Nutfest Committee is March 28th at 7:30PM.

Candy Store – Gold Medal Ideas is our club vendor of hats, shirts, jackets, etc. Here's the link to Gold Medal Ideas: <http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/ygs>

AuxComm –

Eric reported he has not heard back from Douglass on Eric's appointment as Wallingford EC.

Old Business:

- Website Management
 - Discussion was held on who is / should manage the Website
 - Rob (K1RCT), Mark (K1PU) and Rich (WA1TRY) to meet and report to the club at February's meeting
 - **Rob reached out to Mark and Rich, no meeting yet.**
- Audit club finances
 - Dave (K1WJL) & Jim (N1ZN) to review
 - **Not completed**
- ARRL club contesting list
 - Al (N1API) to gather data from members that want to be listed as members of MARC for ARRL contesting purposes.
 - Data needed: Call Sign, Name, Maidenhead location.
 - **Completed**
 - **Suggest that Al or some other club member take responsibility for this list and the ARRL. Only the ARRL requires such a list (or so that was the general consensus at this meeting).**

- Winter Field Day
 - January 27th and 28th
 - Club operated from the garage building at the EOC.
 - Well attended. Looks like this will be an annual club event.
- Constitution / By-Law
 - Recommendation to freshen the document which hasn't been addressed since 2009.
 - Committee will meet after the February business meeting.
 - Recommended changes to the Constitution & By-Laws will be presented by the April or May business meeting
 - Committee members
 - Steve (KC1SA)
 - Rob (K1RCT)
 - Mike (K1LHO)
 - Eric (KB1JL)
 - Dave (K1WJL)
 - Jim (N1ZN)
 - Steve will send message to committee members to start proceedings, will report at April's meeting.
- Need equipment inventory
 - Rob requested this back in November
 - Steve e-mailed it in January.
 - W1KKF to provide this.
 - Sent again on February 16th
- Emergency Management plan
 - Rob requested this back in November

New Business

- Discussion on Club classification for ARRL contesting
 - Vote was taken to set the club at either 35 mile or 175 mile club radius.
 - The club voted to set our classification at 35 mile.

Meeting was closed at 8:20PM.

Meeting Attendees on February 15, 2018

Callsign	Name
K1JCF	Joseph Farrell
K1LHO	Mike Ash
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1MMK	Michael MacKennedy
K1RCT	Rob Cichon
K1STM	Anne West
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olsson
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1FFT	Raymond A. Irwin
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur