



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

The MARC January business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on January 11, 2018 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 24 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 –

- January 25th – Activity meeting on traffic handling
- Moment of silence in memory of Chris WA1VXH who passed away on December 30th
- K1IIG & W1LYP donated equipment that will be auctioned off after this meeting
- New trustee for W1NRG is Rob K1RCT (Chris was the trustee)

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The December 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
- Three dues checks received

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

- Jan - Traffic / Message Handling
- Feb - Test Equipment
- March -DMR 101
- April - AA6E will present SDR
- May - Digital Mode 101
- June - Antennae
- July - Lark in the Park
- August – October is open

Scholarship –

A discussion was had on opening the scholarship up to Wallingford, Meriden and Cheshire. Due to lateness this won't be possible for this calendar year. This topic will be tabled until Don's return.

Club Station & Facilities – K1RCT reported;

- Software for 991A radio usage update
- Saturday activations have been popular in the radio room
- New keyless lock for the breaker panel has been installed
- Locks now installed on club file cabinets in the radio room

Nets –

- 6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported good number of check-in's. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time, USB mode.
- 10M – John (K1VDF) reported the net has been active with check-ins. 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.
- Weathernet – Ed (W1YSM). Thursdays at 7PM on the 442.500 linked to 145.290 repeaters.

Castle Craig – Next event is the winter QSO party in February 3rd & 4th. Kick off net Friday evening at 7:45PM on February 2nd.

Key Klix – Dave (K1WJL) is always looking for articles from members so keep the information rolling into Dave. Key Klix is sent via email (8 copies are mailed via US mail).

Membership –

- Two new applicants
 - W1DJB – Dylan J. Barrett.
 - W1DUP – Richard Sherlock Campbell

The membership roster stands at 93 (*correction from what was stated during the meeting*), which includes members paid through 2017 & 2018 and life members. A discussion was had on cut off for membership. The MARC Constitution By-laws section 6 pertaining to payment of dues was cited:

Payment shall be made in advance to the treasurer by the last day of the calendar year. Non-payment of such assessment shall be cause for dismissal

Interference and Technical – Nothing to report

Repeater – Not discussed.

VE Sessions – Not discussed.

Hamfest – Nothing to report.

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 –

The untimely passing of Chris (WA1VXH) has left the EC slot open so a replacement is needed. It was recommended by those present that Eric KB1JL take the position of EC. Eric accepted the role.

Old Business:

- Coffee on Saturday's
 - Club previously authorized to reimburse coffee/donut spend, not to exceed \$20 / week
 - Current spend is between \$10 - \$15 / week
 - Motion made and passed to place a collection basket to accept donations to offset the club costs.

New 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 next month
- Audit club finances
 - Dave (K1WJL) & Jim (N1ZN) to review
- 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.
- Winter Field Day
 - January 27th and 28th
 - Club will be operating from the trailer at the EOC
- 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 (K1EHO)
 - Eric (KB1JL)
 - Dave (K1WJL)
 - Jim (N1ZN)

Meeting was closed at 8:55PM.

Meeting Attendees on January 11, 2018

Callsign	Name
K1IIG	Stephen Tripp
K1LHO	Mike Ash
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1MMK	Michael MacKennedy
K1RCT	Rob Cichon
K1STM	Anne West
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olsson
KC1NS	Nancy Tipping
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE4EYA	Ralph Ring
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1BF	Patrick Dionne
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone
N1ZN	James Savage
NZ1J	Dave Tipping
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1TRY	Rich Aubin
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur