



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

Meriden Amateur Radio Club meeting called to order March 8, 2018 at 19:30 hours by President W1KKF

Introductions of attendees were made.

Announcements;

W1KKF announced VE Session at OEM on Saturday 3/24 at 0900 and Nutfest Committee meeting at OEM on Wednesday 3/28 at 1930.

February Minutes:

In absence of Secretary KC1SA, February minutes were read by KB1JL.

Correspondences:

No correspondences were received.

Membership:

New Member John Pancoast KC1IYC was voted in and welcomed.

17 non renewed memberships expired on March 1. Membership now at 79

Treasurer report:

In absence of Treasurer K1WJL, financial report was read by W1KKF.

Committee Reports:

Programs:

W1YSM announced KC1SA would present DMR 101 for March activity meeting.

AA6E will present SDRs for April activity meeting.

K1RCT will present Digital modes for May Meeting.

K1VDF will present antenna theory and practice for June meeting

Steve Lamoreaux, a physicist from Yale will do a presentation on EMP later in the year, not yet scheduled.

Station Activities:

K1RCT gave a report on recent contest activity including CQ160 contest, ARRL DXSSB contest. Rob also reported that 500' spool of 8 conductor wire is missing from the garage area of the OEM, and that electrical panel locks were tampered with and replaced twice. A theft report was filed with Wallingford PD. The passcode to the OEM building was changed and access is now restricted to club officers and OEM members. Rob also stated that the W1NRG forum had been down briefly and was restored by K1PU in short order. Anyone interested in submitting ARRL contest logs as a club member should contact N1API, who will forward list to ARRL.

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.

Castle Craig:

N1API reported that 5 logs were submitted for the recent 10-10 contest and that MARC came in 4th, but first in the low power (200w) Club category nationwide.

Scholarship:

KE1AY stated that letters were sent to the two Wallingford high schools.

Interference:

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

VE:

KE1AY will hold VE session on March 24 at OEM at 0900. KB1JL and K1LYP assisted W1YU Yale ARC in holding a VE session in New Haven on March 3, in which 6 exams were administered and passed.

Nutfest:

Committee will meet Wednesday March 28 at 1930 at OEM.

Candy Store:

N1ZN says no news.

KeyKlix:

K1WJL was not in attendance.

EmCom:

KB1JL reported no news or communications from DEC WA1SFH.

Old Business:

- W1KKF has not yet approached Serafino's regarding the December xmas part, but intends to do so.
- W1KKF presented a flow chart regarding possible access to the club server. This was briefly discussed and then tabled until K1PU could be present. K1RCT stated there were no ongoing issues and that if issues came up, they should be reported to him so that they can be dealt with quickly. If help were needed, Rob would reach out.
- Treasury Audit. N1ZN reported this was not yet done.
- Constitution revision. A committee chaired by KC1SA will meet on March 17th at the OEM building and results presented for the April business meeting.
- Scholarship Committee: Changes were discussed and an explanation of eligibility family of club members was explained by KE1AY. A committee was formed to recommend possible changes and KE1AY, K1RCT, W1YSM, KC1ISI and N1ZN volunteered for this.
- SAM K1RCT is looking for town ARES emergency plan. WA1VXH (sk) had started this but there is currently no EC appointed and any drafts are unavailable.

New Business

- W1KKF announced that Steve WV2LKM is recovering from hip surgery and would like an assistant to cover the club library. K1LYP stated he would assist.
- K1LYP is looking to prioritize based on interest contests that would be operated from the club station as a group effort. Currently Field Day, Winter Field Day, Sweepstakes and US IOTA are popular.
- A discussion was held on the viability of the repeater controller and factory support issues. This was raised by K1RCT. There is interest in linking the 147.36 repeater to other repeaters for SKYWARN and ARES activities. This will be further investigated and discussed on Saturday and a recommendation will be presented to the club at next business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2037 hours.

Minutes transcribed by KB1JL Eric Olsson
March 9, 2018

Attendees

Callsign	Name
K1JCF	Joseph Farrell
K1LHO	Mike Ash
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1RCT	Rob Cichon
K1VDF	John Blevins
KB1JL	Eric Olsson
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson
KC1IYC	John Pancoast
KC1NS	Nancy Tipping
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
KE4EYA	Ralph Ring
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone
N1ZN	James Savage
NZ1J	Dave Tipping
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1TRY	Rich Aubin