



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) Business Meeting - February 14, 2019

Raffle: Raffle tickets were sold just prior to the start of the meeting. Numbers were drawn at the conclusion of the meeting and winners had their choice of prizes donated by WA1ZVY.

Meeting was called to order at 19:29 EST by President W1YSM

Introductions / Members Present: Introductions were made by 29 members in attendance.

Announcements: The new ON AIR and W1NRG signs are installed outside the radio room. Also, a new XYL/YL committee has been formed. KBITMC and KC1ISI will chair the new committee.

Secretary's Report: The January Business Meeting minutes were published in the February Key Klix and were accepted. The club received a QSL card from the bureau, which was given to the club's QSL manager. Betsey, K1EIC, sent the club a thank you note for inviting her to the holiday party. Three new members, W1NNZ, KC1DOY, and KC1KQH, were voted in unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: K1WJL gave a Treasurer's Report which was accepted. N1ZN and K1LHO are ready to begin an audit of the club's finances.

Station Manager's Report: Nineteen members attended Winter Field Day and accumulated 5252 points. The LaCrosse weather station is installed and functional. Data is reported on the web at <https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KCTYALES2>
An HT went missing during the Kids Day event.
N1YLN is the chair of the new Contest Activation Committee. Ed will send out a questionnaire to members to help determine which contests the club will enter.

Activity Committee: The activities schedule has been revised and the new schedule will appear in the March Key Klix.

Saturday Mornings: As many as twenty people visit the club on Saturday mornings. N1AKN has set up an area to troubleshoot and repair radios and accessories. And, WB1GYZ offers Morse Code instruction.

Station Activations: N1YLN is developing a schedule of activations with a goal of about six per year.

Nets: K1VDF's 10 meter net, N1ZN's 6 meter net, and K1TDO's 2 meter net continue to get between 5 and 15 check-ins each week.

Castle Craig: N1API reported that propagation was poor for the February 10-10 QSO party. The summer QSO Party will be the first weekend in August.

Scholarship: Scholarship applications have been sent out to the Meriden High Schools.

Membership: As of the business meeting, 72 members had paid their dues through 2019. Three new members joined in February and KB1MFU has applied and will be voted on in March.

Interference and Technical: No issues were reported

VE and Instruction: The next VE session is scheduled for March 16th. KC1SA is interested in becoming an additional VEC for the club. N1GNV was out of town and we had no update on the 'Tech in a Day' program.

Nutfest: W1YSM, N1GNV, and WA1TRY are the Directors for the 2019 Nutmeg Hamfest. It is planned for October 13 at the Sheraton Four Points.

Key Klix: K1WJL welcomes any articles and photos.

EMCOM / AUXCOM: The Cheshire MS Walk is May 5th.
Alternatives to the present club Notification Tree, such as text messages, are being discussed.
Wallingford's 350th celebration in 2020 will likely call on the club to provide 20 members to assist with the event.

Social Media: Printing of additional Welcome Packets is in the works.

Candy Store: The club website has details about Gold Medal Ideas and MARC clothing and badges.

Old Business: N1API's motion, introduced in January, "To waive the annual dues for licensed amateurs under the age of 18." Was voted on and passed unanimously.
Work is progressing to upgrade the club's website from http to https.

New Business: K1RCT made a motion to recognize WARG as a standing committee of Emcom/Auxcom. The motion will be voted on at the March business meeting.
K1LYP is looking for volunteers to serve as Elmers.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:02

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave, NZ1J
February 18, 2019