



## Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) Business Meeting - January 10, 2019

Meeting called to order at 19:28 EST by President W1YSM

**Introductions / Members Present:** Introductions were made by 25 members in attendance

**Announcements:** W1YSM thanked W1KKF and N1API for their years of service and leadership. Also, W1YSM has donated a lighted ON AIR sign and a W1NRG sign for the club station. And, W1YSM encouraged members to increase their involvement with club activities, such as Saturday Mornings, Station Activations, and Public Service.

**Silent Keys:** A moment of silence was observed for the passing of KB1GWP, W7FUR, and K1TG

**November Meeting Minutes:** The November Business Meeting minutes were published in the December Key Klix and were accepted.

**Correspondence:** The club received a note from Cub Scout Pack 27, thanking the club for helping them to participate in Jamboree on the Air. Also, we received a QSL card for the club station from Northern Ireland. And, we got a note via the Club Forum from a family that has begun pursuing ham radio after getting a good introduction by reading through our website.

**Treasurer's Report:** K1WJL read a detailed report which was accepted as read. And, the 2019 audit committee has been formed, which will be led by N1ZN.

**Station Manager's Report:** The club website was down for about an hour due to a technical issue. Work is progressing on the club's new email reflector. Winter Kids Day was a big success with about ten kids attending.

**Activity Committee:** Activities are scheduled for every month in 2019. N1ZN will give a presentation on Hardline type transmission line in January. The visit by the Salem Amateur Radio Club will possibly be re-scheduled for May.

**Saturday Mornings:** As many as twenty people visit the club on Saturday mornings for unstructured time for eyeball QSO's, use of the club station, construction projects, code practice, and elmering. Everyone is encouraged to stop by.

**Station Activations:** Sign-ups are being taken for Winter Field Day on the weekend of January 26<sup>th</sup>. Two or more station activations are planned for each month in 2019.

**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. Also, K1LYP reports that the Nutmeg Net is temporarily meeting on the 147.36 repeater. And, K1TDO announced that his new music CD is for sale to club members at a reduced price.

**Castle Craig:** N1API reported that the 10-10 QSO party is the first weekend of February. We will kick it off on 28.375 at 00:00 UTC on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Scholarship:** N1ZN is the new Scholarship Chairman. Scholarship applications will be sent out to local schools this month.

**Membership:** The club ended 2018 with 83 members. As of the business meeting, 61 members had paid their dues through 2019. Also, N1MOB applied for membership and was voted in.

**Interference and Technical:** No issues were reported

**VE and Instruction:** The next VE session is scheduled for March. The club plans to run VE sessions more frequently and is working toward getting more VEC's available to support those sessions. KC1SA has contacted the Wallingford Library to find potential dates to present Amateur Radio and our club to the public. N1GNV has taken the lead in putting together a '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. W1YSM thanked Dave for the consistently outstanding job he does with Key Klix.

**EMCOM / AUXCOM:** WARG is looking for more volunteers. Wallingford's 350<sup>th</sup> celebration in 2020 will likely call on the club to provide 20 members to assist in the event.

**Social Media:** KC1ISI is expanding the club's presence on social media and has used Facebook to help get the word out about our recent Kid's Day.

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

**Old Business:** Serafino's provided good food and service for the MARC Christmas Party. Serafino's will be asked to provide a quote for the 2019 party.

**New Business:** N1API made a motion to allow licensed amateurs under the age of 18 to become members of MARC with no annual dues. A vote on this motion is scheduled for the February business meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:05

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave, NZ1J  
January 12, 2019