



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

Meeting was called to order at 19:30 EDT by President W1YSM

Introductions / Members Present: Introductions were made by 28 members in attendance.

Announcements:

The club is continuing to investigate updating our liability insurance. W1YSM's Key Klix column this month dove into this topic.

There is a SKYWARN training session scheduled for May 8th.

Thanks again to K1WJL for another excellent edition of Key Klix

Secretary's Report:

The February Business Meeting minutes were published in the March Key Klix and were accepted.

KB1MFU applied for membership and was voted in unanimously.

W1YSM donated an ARRL DVD that contains electronic copies of QST, QEX, and NCJ. The DVD is in the club library.

The club received our annual insurance bill.

Treasurer's Report:

K1WJL gave a Treasurer's Report which was accepted.

The audit committee met on March 12 and found the club's accounting books to be in order.

Station Manager's Report:

Upgrading the club website to HTTPS will cost \$35 per year.

The new W1NRG email reflector is proposed to go live on March 14th.

The club is looking for a 2 meter beam antenna to add to the station.

K1RCT purchased a Tigertronics cable & jumper module which will allow the club's Yaesu FT-950 to interface with a computer.

Activity Committee: The March Activity Meeting will begin at 8pm due to training that will take place at the EOC.

Saturday Mornings: Between 15 and 17 people visit the club on Saturday mornings. N1AKN's troubleshooting and repair bench continues to be popular.

Station Activations: N1YLN is planning seven contests this year for the club. There will be CW, SSB, RTTY, and VHF. Coming up is the New England QSO Party on May 4th and 5th.

Nets: K1VDF's 10 meter net, N1ZN's 6 meter net, and K1TDO's 2 meter net continue to get between 7 and 12 check-ins each week. The Nutmeg Net is currently on the 147.36 repeater five nights per week.

Castle Craig: The summer QSO Party will be the first weekend in August. All MARC members are encouraged to join 10-10 International.

Scholarship: Scholarship applications have been sent out to the Meriden High Schools. A notice will also appear in the Meriden newspaper.

Membership: Most members have paid their 2019 dues. We'd like to see the club grow to 100 members during 2019.

Interference and Technical: No issues were reported

VE and Instruction:

The next VE session is scheduled for March 16th.

KC1SA is working toward becoming an additional VEC for the club.

N1GNV plans to create an outline for the 'Tech in a Day' program.

Nutfest: The Nutfest is planned for October 13 at the Sheraton Four Points. The Directors and Officers of the Nutfest will be meeting to begin working out details.

Key Klix: K1WJL welcomes any articles and photos.

EMCOM / AUXCOM: The Cheshire MS Walk is May 5th.

Social Media: Printing of a few hundred Welcome Packets is in the works.

YL/XYL Committee: KB1TMC and KC1ISI are brainstorming initiatives for this new committee.

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

Old Business:

The local Boy Scouts will need a six month lead time before initiating work on their Radio Merit Badges. Nothing is in the works right now.

K1LYP is recruiting Elmers to assist new Hams.

The membership voted on and passed K1RCT's motion: "Resolved: The Wallingford Amateur Radio Group (WARG) is hereby acknowledged as a Standing Committee of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club (MARC). Its charge is to enhance our members' skills in the art and science of emergency radio communications through the study of and, when deployed, for the performance of radio activities for the Town of Wallingford."

New Business: K1LHO proposed a motion: "The members present at a Business Meeting may vote on a motion to authorize one-time expenditures that do not exceed \$100. No notice to members prior to the Business Meeting would be required for this motion and subsequent vote."

Meeting was adjourned at 21:11

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave, NZ1J

March 24, 2019