

Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club

July 2013

The business meeting opened at 1930 on July 11, 2013 with approximately 15 people in attendance. A quorum was present.

Don KE1AY made a presentation of the 2013 Frank Darmofalski Scholarship to Alexis Mack a June graduate of Maloney HS in Meriden. Alexis will be matriculating at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven and majoring in Communications. She was accompanied by her mother and a family friend. A round of applause was extended.

Announcements -

- Introductions – none needed.
- Activity meeting – July 25th. Annual picnic at Hubbard Park. The activity will start early at 6:00 PM. Hot Dogs and Hambergs available, members are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert.

Secretary's Report -

- June minutes accepted as presented and promulgated.

Treasurer's Report -

- Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

Contributions –

- Club – Steve WV2LKM donated classroom size projector screen.

Correspondence –

- None

Scholarship – (KE1AY)

- Award for 2013 presented. See above.
- Dan W1DMM reviewed current Scholarship guidelines (part of MARC Bylaws) for possible changes. Found none that would enhance Scholarship applicant participation.
- Discussion on PR ways to get more participation, ie news media notices.

Club Station & Facilities - (WA1TRY-SAM)

- Modifications to Ernie's office underway for new equipment

location.

- Wallingford Fire Chief to discuss placement of antenna poles along property periphery.

Club Activities & Program (KB1FYL-P&E)

- A suggestion, not a motion, to invite area hams to selected Activity Meetings when the presentation may have a wide interest. Betsey K1IEC and Douglas WA1SFH will be contacted for dissemination. Build up the club PR and not embarrass ourselves with a low turnout.

- Upcoming activity meetings

- July – Picnic Hubbard Park at 6:00 PM
- Aug (possible) – Radio Controlled Aircraft.
- Sep (possible) – Trip to RFS Coax mfg.
- Potential future activities: LOTW by ARRL, trip to W1AW, spec event on MARC 60+ Anniversary, and Tune-Up Night
- Always looking for ideas and presenters.
- K1SEZ reported on the Pond Hill School as an ISS school for the October 28th to November 3rd time frame. Location: probably at the SCOW or alternate at Choate. Attendees expected to be about 250 adults and students. Will be looking for help in set-up and operation.

- Upcoming contests

- CQ WW VHF July 20 – July 21.
- 10/10 QSO Party – SSB Aug 3 – Aug 4.
- 10/10 QSO Party – Digital Modes Aug 27 – Aug 28.
- Several state QSO parties. Boost your WAS or 5BWAS standing.

Nets - All nets are doing well. Reports in Key Klix & MARC forum.

- HF-SSB 28.375 Tuesdays at 8:00 PM, Primary NC John K1VDF.
- VHF-FM 147.36R Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, Primary NC Todd K1TDO.
- VHF-SSB 50.175 Mondays at 8 PM, Primary NC Jim N1ZN.

Castle Craig - (N1API-CM & CP)

- 10/10 QSO parties in 2013: SSB Aug 3-4; Digital Apr 27-28 & Nov 9-10; CW May 4-5 & Oct 19-20
- Convention details complete. Expecting a successful event.

Membership - (KB1HCC)

- Forty-nine (49) 2013 members more or less.

Interference and Technical - (WA1TRY)

- No reported problems.

Instruction & Testing - (VE-KE1AY, Instruction Facilitator - Open)

- Next VE session at Nutmeg Hamfest in October.
- No additional testing and classes scheduled.

Candy Store - (N1ZN)

- See Jim N1ZN for availability and details.

Club Media -

- Key Klix (WA1TRY) not published.
- MARC Forum (WA1TRY) is back with a new platform
- MARC Reflector (N1GNV) is working. Meant for quick comments, updates and notices.

Field Day (June 22 & 23)

- Better than last year with no major failures or down time time.
- Score details not available.

EmComm - (WA1VXH)

- Anyone interested in being Wallingford EC contact Chris and/or DEC Douglas WA1SFH.

Nutmeg Hamfest (October 13, 2013)

- Motion W1KKF second KE1AY to set contribution from members selling their equipment at MARC table. Rate to be ten percent (10%) of sale price up to a \$50 maximum. Passed. (This is a repeat of a similar motion made and passed with the same percentage and max dollar value in October 2009)
- May need to adjust talk-in. Hotel building steel may interfere with input to W1KKF/R.
- All is ready. Deposit made to Hotel.
- Main forum speakers have committed.
- OK from the ARRL to authorize Nutfest as the Connecticut State Convention.
- Need more gate guards and ticket takers. See Jim N1ZN

Miscellaneous

50/50 – None

Meeting Adjourned about 20:22

Submitted: Dan Murphy W1DMM, Secretary