

# **Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club**

## **October 2013**

The business meeting opened at 1935 on October 10, 2013 with approximately 13 people in attendance. A quorum was present. The meeting was chaired by VPres Jim N1ZN.

Announcements --

Introductions – none needed but we did it anyway.

Annual officer elections are held during the Annual Meeting (Nov) per the By-laws.

Nominations accredited to date: VP Jim N1ZN, Secretary Paul K1SEZ, and Station Activities Manager Rich WA1TRY.

Nominations open: President and Treasurer.

Nominations remain open until election ballots are to be cast.

October activity at Bethany Observatory. Tour and talk on Observatory history.  
Time 7:30 PM

Secretary's Report -

September minutes accepted as presented and disseminated.

Treasurer's Report -

Treasurer's report not available.

Contributions –

None

Correspondence –

None

Scholarship – (KE1AY)

School administrator letters is in works.

Club Station & Facilities - (WA1TRY-SAM)

The shack will be available for the ARRL-SS CW&SSB contests.

Still working with town on installation of antenna poles.

Club Activities & Program (KB1FYL-P&E)

ARISS – (K1SEZ) – Looking toward a Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> event at 11:00 AM. Paul discussed and reviewed the expectations. Paul K1SEZ and Fred W1NHS have tested the set up on site and all looks good.

- Upcoming activity meetings
- Oct – Tour of Bethany Observatory with Director Dave Johnson. At 7:30

PM.

- Nov – None
- Dec – Holiday Party.
- 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.
- Upcoming contests \*ARRL SS & CQWW may be run from W1NRG shack – based on interest.
- 10/10 QSO Party – Fall CW Oct 18 – Oct 20.
- CQWW SSB Oct 26 – Oct 28
- ARRL SS CW Nov 2- Nov 4
- \*ARRL SS SSB Nov 15- Nov 16
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- 10/10 QSO Party – Digital Modes Nov 9 – Nov 10
- CQWW CW Nov 23 – Nov 24
- 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

Membership - (KB1HCC)

- Fifty (50) 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.
- No additional testing and classes scheduled.

Candy Store - (N1ZN)

- See Jim N1ZN for availability and details.

Club Media -

- No substantive changes to the club media situation.

Field Day (June-fourth full weekend)

- Motion by W1KKF second by KE1AY to apply for usage permit at Marcus

Cooke Park. Passed.

- Field Day site and class yet to be determined.

EmComm - (WA1VXH)

- Annual YMCA/Fishbien Road Race was Sat Sept 21. Eight volunteers participate (Five from MARC, three from around Region 2). Event a success.
- Anyone interested in being Wallingford EC contact Chris WA1VXH and/or DEC Douglas WA1SFH.

Nutmeg Hamfest (October 13, 2013)

- WA1TRY to set up temp outside vertical for 2 meter talk-in. (Bldg interference problem)
- All is ready..
- Need more gate guards and ticket takers. See Jim N1ZN.

Miscellaneous –

- Holiday Party – Reminder that 2014 paid dues is a Christmas Party prerequisite. Guests are welcome at \$5.00/pp.

50/50 – None

Meeting Adjourned about 20:25

Submitted: Dan Murphy W1DMM, Secretary