

Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club

September 2013

The business meeting opened at 1935 on September 12, 2013 with approximately 11 people in attendance. A quorum was present. The meeting was chaired by VPres Jim N1ZN.

Announcements -

- Introductions – none needed.

Secretary's Report -

- August minutes accepted as presented and disseminated.

Treasurer's Report -

- Treasurer's report not available.

Contributions –

- None

Correspondence –

- None

Scholarship – (KE1AY)

- Motion by W1DMM second by N1API to offer a \$500 scholarship in 2014. Discussion on possible increase, but not amended to allow for letters to be sent to schools. Passed.
- School administrator letters is in works.

Club Station & Facilities - (WA1TRY-SAM)

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

Club Activities & Program (KB1FYL-P&E)

- Upcoming activity meetings
- Aug – Trip to RFS Coax mfg
- Sep – Curator of New Haven Meteorite Society.
- Oct (possible) – Radio Controlled Aircraft
- 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
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 - 10/10 QSO Party – Digital Modes Aug 27 – Aug 28 & 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 in October.
- No additional testing and classes scheduled.

Candy Store - (N1ZN)

- See Jim N1ZN for availability and details.

Club Media -

- No substantive to the club media situation.

Field Day (June-fourth full weekend)

- CU agn in 2014.

EmComm - (WA1VXH)

- Annual YMCA/Fishbien Road Race is Sat Sept 21. Six (6) or more volunteers needed. Contact Chris WA1VXH.
- This road race is our practice SET and tactical messaging event. Your opportunity to train.
- Anyone interested in being Wallingford EC contact Chris WA1VXH and/or DEC Douglas WA1SFH.

Nutmeg Hamfest (October 13, 2013)

- Need to rope off outside vendor area to prevent end-arounds on the patron ticket table.
- All is ready. Deposit made to Hotel.
- Main forum speakers have committed.
- BoD decided that each volunteer (including VEs) gets one gratis raffle ticket.
- Need more gate guards and ticket takers. See Jim N1ZN.

Miscellaneous –

- Holiday Party – Bill W1KKF raised the subject of the 2013 Christmas party at Brother's in Wallingford on Thursday December 12th. Same as last year. A short discussion on the menu ensued. Motion by N1API sec by KE1AY to go with the same menu for about \$23/pp. Passed. Bill will discuss with Brother's.

50/50 – None

Meeting Adjourned about 20:25

Submitted: Dan Murphy W1DMM, Secretary