



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) November 2015

The business meeting opened at 7:33 PM EDST on November 12, 2015 with 22 people in attendance.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Dave (K1WJL)
Steve (KC1AXJ), Rob (KC1ACN).

The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Bill (W1KKF).

Announcements – Next meeting is the Christmas Dinner on December 10th at Brother's Restaurant in Wallingford. Cocktails via cash bar are at 6PM and the Buffet Dinner is at 7PM. Bill (W1KKF) has been in contact with the owner of Brothers and everything is all set to go. Elections are tonight for Officers, Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year. MARC is still looking for a Program & Entertainment Chairman.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – October's Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read. There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report – An abbreviated report was given by Dave (K1WJL). Some finalized figures from accounts need to be retrieved from the web and will be provided by Dave. The figures were reviewed at meeting and accepted.

Contributions – None

Correspondence – Islands QSO card received and given to KE1AU. Vanguard documents received were given to W1KKF last Monday.

Program & Entertainment – MARC is still looking for someone to take this vacant Chairman spot.

Scholarship – Dan (W1DMM) is reviewing the updated Scholarship (the Scholarship re-write that was agreed upon at the August business meeting) guidelines document. Don will query Dan to see where the review process stands. We expect a report at January's meeting.

A motion was made to have Don Mitchel (KE1AY), Bill Wawrzeniak (W1KKF), Dave Swedock (K1WJL) and Steve Allen (KC1AXJ) to have signing power of the Vanguard Fund. These folks will have authority of signing of Vanguard Fund checks and to make changes to the Vanguard Fund selections. Recommendations to keep our investments in the current Vanguard Fund selections were made by Noble Wealth Management.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob provided a 2015 annual report of the station via a detailed write-up with equipment status and club contest status for the year are in this report. Field Day results place our club number one in New England for our class. CW Sweeps had 6 participants at the club, and SSB Sweeps is the weekend of November 21st.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – Proposed January Activity meeting will be N1MM+ usage (this is tentative, Rob (KC1AN) checking with Dave (W1CTN). Proposed February Activity meeting will be MARC reflector and other Club knowledge tidbits.

Nets –

Todd, John and Jim gave a few minutes talk on the Nets. Overall good participation in these Nets is seen.

10M – 10 to 12 check in's this past week.

6M – 6 to 8 this past week.

2M – Todd reported 5 to 6 check ins each week.

Castle Craig –

The first fill weekend in February is the next 10-10 event, and is the 10-10 QSO party.

Hamfests – Bill (W1KKF) reported attendance was down by about ten percent. The cold weather, conflict events and such were possible causes but the weekend chosen was selected to get the maximum number of vendors to come to the event. The year ends at the end of February for the Nutfest group so around March 2016 there will be a Nutfest board of directors meeting for the 2016 Nutmeg Hamfest year.

Key Klix – Dave (WJL) appreciates the articles folks are writing so keep them coming for publication.

Membership – 60 total, no new additions.

Interference and Technical – No problems reported

Repeater – Not discussed

Instruction & Testing – Not discussed

Candy Store – Still have hats for \$10, one sold at this meeting.

EmComm – SET is this weekend (November 14/15) and looking for volunteers from MARC to assist with this event. Steve (KC1AXJ) requested folks see him after the meeting if interested. Names will be given to Mike Meadows (KC1AYL). A request was made to use the W1KKF repeater during SET and was granted.

Misc Old Business –

ARIS Space station – Paul (K1SEZ) reported that no progress has been made on this and to place on the back burner for now.

Wallingford Amateur Radio Group banner was received and displayed at tonight's meeting..

New Business –

N1MM+ software is a migration path the club will be taking for logging contests. Interface cables will need to be made to interface from the current club radios and the club laptops.

Rich (WA1TRY) reported the bill for the internet is due the end of November, the amount is \$159. Rich also reported he wants his name removed from the account. Rob (KC1ACN) will replace Rich as the contact person for the site. Mark (K1PU) will remain the webmaster. A motion was made to pay the bill, was voted on and approved. Rich will get Dave (K1WJL) the bill for payment.

T-Mobile has changed their plan T&Cs for Hotspot. In the past we spent \$40 to renew a number and \$10 / month for 3 GB to keep it active. Now the plans is \$40 for 5GB for 30 days, \$50 to reactive a number. We paid the \$50 for the CW Sweeps contest and will cover us for the SSB Sweeps however the 10M contest date will be beyond the 30-day period. A motion was made to pay the \$40 expenditure for the 10M contest. The motion was voted down.

T-Mobile suggested, keeping costs contained, to find a member who has T-Mobile and having that member add the club's line to their contract, this would be \$10 / month. Is there a MARC members willing to do this? This would have to be voted on (for re-imbursement to that MARC member), but we are looking for a T-Mobile member who would be interested in doing this.

A motion was made to increase the scholarship to \$600 to keep in line with tax laws. The motion was voted on and approved.

Elections were held for club officers. John (K1VDF) handed out the ballots for the attendees of tonight's meeting. The ballot had all the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Station Activities Manager. There were no nominations for the offices, so the Steve (KC1AXJ) cast one unanimous ballot and current 2015 officers will be the same for 2016.

Nominations

Ham of the Year – Rob (KC1ACN)
Ham of the Year -- Mark (K1PU)
Ham of the Year – Haggie (KB1HCC)
Ham of the Year – Steve (KC1AXJ)
Elmer of the Year – Bill (W1KKF)
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Meeting was closed at 8:40 PM

Meeting Attendees on November 12, 2015

Call Sign	Name	November
K1LYP	John Yusza	Y
W1ATV	Walter Yatzoom	Y
K1VDF	John Blevins	Y
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	Y
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	Y
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	Y
KB1JL	Eric Olson	Y
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon	Y
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	Y
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen	Y
K1PU	Mark Mocoski	Y
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak	Y
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	Y
WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	Y
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	Y
N1API	Al Kaiser	Y
N1ZN	James Savage	Y
W1DQ	John Elengo	Y
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak	Y
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert	Y
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin	Y
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	Y