



## Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) January 2017

The MARC January business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on January 12, 2017 with 20 members in attendance at the Hope Hill Road EOC.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1SA), Dave (K1WJL), Rob (K1RCT)

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

**Announcements** – Our next meeting is January 26<sup>th</sup> (activity meeting).

A 50/50 raffle was being held tonight, one dollar per ticket. In addition to the cash pot we raffled off a MFJ clock (K1IIG donated this to the club) and an ARRL 2017 Handbook (K1THP donated this to the club).

Kids Day almost happened, weather put a damper on that event this past Saturday.

**Introductions** – All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Secretary's Report** – The December Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dave (K1WJL) gave a treasurers report. Dave gave details of accounting steps that need to be taken. There were no issues with Dave's recommendation and the report and recommendations were accepted.

Steve (KC1SA) and James (AB1DQ) audited the financials of the club and reported that all looked in order.

**Contributions** – none.

**Correspondence** – Three membership dues were received, paid receipt for the P.O. Box and a QSL card from the US Islands event was received

**Program & Entertainment** – Ed (W1YSM) reported he's had some input for suggested topics for activities from some members. We have 10 activity meetings in 2017, here are some suggestions: N1MM, Go-Boxes, NTS traffic handling, ARRL field trip, etc. If you have suggestions, send Ed your thoughts ([W1YSM@ARRL.NET](mailto:W1YSM@ARRL.NET)). A poll will be taken at the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to see what topics are of interest.

The history of the club will be worked on by Steve (KC1SA). Steve is seeking old club articles of interest; much can be retrieved from older KK's. Ed will be asking for updates at each Business Meeting. If members have material that may be of interest please drop Steve a note ([KC1SA@ARRL.NET](mailto:KC1SA@ARRL.NET)).

A calendar of events Calendar was suggested by Ed, these could be sold to raise money.

A suggestion was made to have pre/post-meetings at our Activity Meeting days. Topics of interest could be discussed or training. These sessions could be either before or after the normal meeting times. Let Ed know what you think.

The New England Section (ARRL) meeting was held in Springfield on January 7th, Ed attended this meeting representing our club. Meeting notes from the meeting was sent to all our club members by Dave (K1WJL).

**Scholarship** – Don was not present, expect next report in March or when Don returns. As a reminder, this year the scholarship is open to Meriden students and is \$1000. Rob (K1RCT) will check with one of the Meriden School Board members to see if they've heard anything on this.

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rob (K1RCT) presented status for the month. A lot has been done in the shack and we have much of the equipment up and running now. Some issues were found with the CW rig, the rig is only outputting about 20W. Rob is investigating.

Steve Waldman (WV2LKM) is our club librarian and has generated a list of what we have in our library. Eventually we will have some of these books on a book shelf. If you want to check out any of these books, see Steve Waldman and he will sign them out to you.

Rich (WA1TRY) reported he found a hand mic for our Kenwood rig and the wire bail for the rig too. Additionally Rich located a USB to ¼ inch jack for CW that could be used in the shack, he'll get to us too.

#### **Nets** –

6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported the number of check-ins. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time.

10M – John (K1VDF) gave a report of recent activity. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time.

2M – Todd (K1TDO) reported check in's for the 2M Net. This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time.

**Castle Craig** – Next event with 10-10 is the February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> is the QSO party. At 23:45 UTC (6:45PM local time) on February 3, 2017 AI (N1API) will hold a Net, please check in on this Net.

**VE session** – A VE session has been proposed for Saturday May 13, 2017. AI (N1API) will check to see if this date can be advertised in QST and on the VE page.

**Key Klix** – Dave (K1WJL) is always looking for articles from members so keep the information rolling into Dave.

**Membership** – No new members added.

Dave (K1WJL) reported our membership is at 75.

**Interference and Technical** – Nothing to report.

**Repeater** – Not discussed.

**Hamfest** – Not discussed.

**Candy Store** – Gold Medal Ideas now has several types of shirts and a hat has been added to our landing page for Meriden ARC on their web page.

Here's the link to Gold Medal Ideas: <http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/ygs>

**AuxComm** – Chris (WA1VXH) has been in contact with Len and others associated with AuxComm.. Bill (W1KKF) will contact Douglass (WA1SFH) to discuss.

**Old Business:**

Go kit – Committee meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2017 at the club house.

Education – Steve (KC1SA) reported he had a meeting with George Bikakis at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School. George is a STEP teacher and is putting together a Journalism group and thought Amateur Radio could fit in. It was a promising meeting. George will be meeting Lyman Hall HS, Sheehan HS, and Moran MS to see if enough students are interested in moving forward. By the next Business Meeting Steve will report back any responses from the Wallingford Schools.

**New Business:**

John (K1LYP) is looking for a 220Mhz antenna for the shack (we have a 220 rig in the shack). Rich (WA1TRY) said he has one he'll get one to John.

Chris (WA1VXH) reported there may be required training associated with Auxcomm and our club. How do we keep track of who's trained on what?

Library literature list has been generated by Steve (WV2LKM). All our books are in the garage area of the EOC. It's a bit of an issue since we have a lot of books and really no place to display them (they are just stored for the moment in the garage area).

A committee was formed, chaired by Dave (K1WJL) with Ed (W1YSM) and Eric (KB1JL) to investigate the financial standing of the club. The committee will report its findings and recommendations at a future business meeting. The committee will investigate expenditures and income by the club, review current dues structure, holiday party costs and other costs by the club.

History of club: Rich (WA1TRY) will get the 'box' of historical information the Rich has back to 1947 to Steve (KC1SA).

**Raffle Winners:**

Cash – John (W1DQ); John donated back to the club.

MFJ Clock – John (K1LYP)

Handbook – James (AB1DQ).

Meeting was closed at 8:50 PM, the raffle followed.

**Meeting Attendees on January 12, 2017**

Call Sign	Name
AB1DQ	James Surprenant
K1LHO	Mike Ash
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olssen
K1RCT	Rob Cichon
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1BF	Patrick Dionne
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1TRY	Rich Aubin
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone