

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



Meeting Minutes August 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President MacLean at 7:05 PM. By log, 22 members were in attendance.

Bob Beatty gave the Treasurer's report on behalf of John Mills. Since the last month, a new IBM grant was received (\$3000). Having received dues payment and an application, Tom Mackie (W2ILA) was unanimously voted in as a new member.

Bob gave a presentation on the upcoming October "Jamboree on the Air" on behalf of Rob White. There was some discussion of the proposed \$400 budget, which would be paid by the IBM grant. Hopefully the scouts themselves can offset part of the costs.

Bob gave a report on the status of the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend, which is August 17th and 18th. NCRC will be putting a special event station on the air from about 10 AM until approximately 6 PM those two days. Interested members are invited to stop by the "Oil House" (in back of the main lighthouse).

Bob presented details on the next Technician Class to be held on six consecutive Mondays starting September 16 from 7:00 PM until 9:30 PM, with an exam on October 28. The program would be identical to the one offered in April/May this year with the IBM grant and NCRC partially offsetting the cost of student materials and providing the incentive of a free HT for those passing the exam and joining the club for two years. A motion to accept the proposal and fund the class was made and unanimously approved.

Mike Cullen gave a status report on Newport Ready which appears to be gaining momentum within the city of Newport as they start to embrace a "whole community" approach (understanding the first responders are swamped and community groups are very helpful in providing situation reports and outreach to at risk groups such as the elderly). Mike submitted a budget for discussion, which was unanimously approved by the membership. Mike mentioned that a future more formal relationship between NCRC and NR was a goal since NCRC has 501(c)(3) status and liability insurance. Ultimately NR, would become a served agency.

Ted Wroble made a brief presentation on an inexpensive dual-band "Slim Jim" J-Pole antenna with coax and custom connector that he sourced from www.2wayelectronix.com

Bob Beaudet, W1YRC, our RI Section Manager, attended our meeting and made a presentation on the merits of joining the ARRL and discussed some of his activities on the DXCC Advisory Council. Bob kindly donated two ARRL publications for a drawing.

Bob Beatty's Powerpole presentation was moved to next month due to the late hour. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Bob Beatty, WB4SON, Secretary