

Meeting Minutes Nov 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Maclean at 7:00 PM at the Middletown VFW post. By head count 25 members were in attendance.

After brief introductions all away around, new member applicants Richard-KC1ARO, Stephen - KC1AQQ, Paul M – KC1AQP, Paul D – KC1AQO, John – KC1AQM, and Alex – KC1AQN were introduced and put forward for membership along with Timothy Cathcart. All were voted in as new members, and those in attendance received BaoFeng UV-5R radios from the club. With these new members, our roster stands at 69.

The treasurer, John - K1JSM, gave his report stating that we currently have about \$3500 in checking and \$5000 in savings. About half those funds are from an IBM Grant.

Jack, N1JG, presented this slate of officers, who were voted in by the membership for 2014:

President, Willy – W1LY
Vice President, Ed – W1NQH
Treasurer, John – K1JSM
Secretary, Bob – WB4SON
Exec. Comm, Rick, N3RWB
Exec. Comm, Sam, N1SRV
Exec. Comm, David, KC1AAA

John – WA1ABI, gave a report on Steve, KA1RCI's medical condition. Steve, in John's words, has done more for RI Hams than anyone else in the state (his RCI Network of repeaters is a fantastic resource for the state). He has been bankrupted by his medical treatments. John proposed that the club donate \$250 to help offset Steve's medical bills. The membership decided to donate \$500 to the cause. By the end of the night, more than \$1000 had been raised. Those wishing to donate to Steve are urged to send funds to John Mills, K1JSM – make the check out to NCRC as this is tax deductible, but put "Steve" on the memo line, or donate using the website DONATE page.

Rob – KB1ZZU gave a summary of the JotA event held this October (presentation is posted on the website), attended by 20 scouts and supported by more than 20 NCRC members.

Ed – W1NQH mentioned that the annual dinner will begin with a cash bar at 6 PM, followed by a buffet at 7 PM. After dinner a Yankee Swap gift exchange will be held. (Your humble scribe can't wait to get someone back for his "gift" last year). The cost is \$30 per person, and spouses are encouraged to attend.

Bob – WB4SON made a presentation to our new hams on the BaoFeng HTs and mentioned to the membership that \$18 and \$32 radios set a new price point for ham radio gear.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary, Bob, WB4SON