

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



Meeting Minutes Jan 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Willy MacLean, W1LY, at 7:05 PM. By head count, 22 members were in attendance and one guest.

John Mills, K1JSM, gave the year-end Treasurer's Report, showing a cash balance of \$7,788 and \$14,066 in equipment, pointing out the cash balance was due, in large part, to the IBM grant, which is restricted. John undertook a review of our equipment holdings and changed our insurance company for a savings of approximately \$100 per year. A motion was made & seconded to accept the Treasurer's report (and web based meeting minutes), and it was passed.

Bob Beatty, WB4SON, discussed the education plans for the year, stating that it was still not determined if a 10 week General Upgrade class would be offered in the spring, or if another Technician class would be held. In any event there would be a fall Technician class. Bob also reported on attending the New England Director's meeting of the ARRL. Jack Garforth, N1JK, mentioned that there will be four VE sessions this year, details are on the website.

Willy announced that the February meeting would have a presentation by John Mills on useful applications for smart phones and tablets for hams, and that John King, WA1ABI, would be giving a presentation on propagation tools in April. Later this summer, the club will carry out a "Rhode Island Islands on the Air" activity, with the intent of activating every island in our area. At least one weekend will be coordinated to also activate a lighthouse for the International Lighthouse and Lightship weekend. The club will be participating in Field Day (we were in 3rd place nationally last year), and will look to increase the size of our Jamboree on the Air activity.

John King discussed the Hot Wash that was held immediately after Field Day last year, and passed out After Action Review/Improvement Plan sheets for the items identified as needing improvement. The goal is to do even better than last year.

James Setzler, K1SD, discussed the ARRL Centennial QSO Party and mentioned that there were several other on-the-air activities to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ARRL. Bob mentioned the club effort to secure a bus to take members to the National Convention in Hartford at an anticipated cost of \$40-\$60 per person. A survey was emailed to all members.

Tim Cathcart, KC1AYQ, gave a presentation on the education opportunities of The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, www.afcea.org, who offer courses for professionals interested in developing joint military and civilian crisis managements systems. See the above website or contact Tim at timothy.cathcart@isqsystems.com for more information.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM

Submitted for approval by the secretary, January 20, 2014