

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



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The April 11, 2016 Regular NCRC Meeting was called to order by Jim, KA1ZOU, at 7:01 PM. By headcount there were 31 members and 2 guests present.

A member applicant was voted in, Mike, KA1IOO, from Riverside RI. Congrats! The membership now stands at 84. However 24 have still not paid dues for 2016.

An update on the club QSL and logbook activity was given by Chuck, N1CKT. A copy of his presentation is posted on the website. With over 4,000 contacts in the log, we have now completed WAS, and need confirmation from 7 countries to complete DXCC.

An update was given by Mike, K1NPT, on the ARISS activity at All Saints Academy. The contact dates/times have narrowed down to May 3, May 4, May 6 or May 7 around 1 PM. The final selection should be made this week, This is an extremely high profile activity and assistance from club members is requested. Practice sessions for the RF and AV side will be held every Saturday through the event date. The backup gear is now in place (full time station at ASA).

The treasurer, Ted, W1GRI, reported a bank account balance of \$10,871.46.

John, WA1ABI, reminded members that Field Day is coming up quickly (June 24/25/26). There are still openings for SSB and VHF operators (and of course GOTA).

Jim, KA1ZOU, explaining that our current bylaws have no language detailing the financial operation of the club, so the board proposed several budget related items. The first was a proposed \$3250 budget for extraordinary expenses for the remainder of the year, which was unanimously approved by the membership:

- \$200 cash grant to ASA
- \$500 budget for Field Day expenses (non food items)
- \$200 budget for JOTA (education expenses)
- \$200 budget for WFD

- \$150 Brochures (tri-fold about the club)
- \$2000 W1SYE repeater upgrades (not to exceed)

The next item approved by the membership was a requirement for the Board to submit a budget by OCTOBER to cover anticipated expenses (recouring and extraordinary) for the following year.

The final item was a request to codify the limits of the Board to make payments without seeking approval of the membership in the amount of \$200 or less. Such expenditures will be reported to the membership. This was also unanimously approved by the membership.

It was suggested that NCRC add another person with signature authority to the club bank accout as currently only the treasurer has this power. Many clubs assign this role to the president. The Board will take that under advisement.

The board is concerned that club gear, whcih might fall into the category of Equipment that we hold for our continuing use, Equipment held for transfer to NCRC assisted educational entities, or Equipment that ultimately will be sold. Such gear is to be identified and inventoried, with records maintained on the website. The procedures are being developed. Those with club gear are asked to contact a member of the board.

Paul, N1PSX, gave a presentation on the successful first-time Cranberry Island activation, RI022R, that took place on April 6th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

After the meeting a presentation on STEM outreach efforts was given by Paul, K1YBE, who described a project to develop a Rubik's Cube solving robot. His slides have been posted on the website.

Respectfully submitted, Bob, WB4SON, Secretary