



Newport County Radio Club

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The November 13, 2017 NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Wily W1LY. There were 26 members and one guest present.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved by the membership with a minor modification.

Three new members applicants were voted in by the membership, bringing the membership to 92. They were:

- Andy Ferranti AB1BX
- Mark Flaherty W1MBF
- David Marshall KC1EXK

The club was informed of the upcoming exam session on Thursday November 16 at St. Lucy's church. This is the completion of the Technician and Extra class. We anticipate 25 to 30 exams to be given that night and a fair number to join the club. Jack N1JK explained his plan to use 14 VEs to complete everything in a timely fashion.

Ted W1GRI gave the Treasurer's report indicating the club checking balance was \$8,222, plus PayPal income, mostly from dinner reservations.

Chuck N1CKT turned in his QSL report which has the club DXCC standing at 131 countries, and 8,986 QSOs logged in LotW.

Mike K1NPT covered STEAM efforts: ASA has 8 students taking CyberPatriot and Ham Radio classes. ASA's principal is currently in our Technician class, and if she passes will become the 1st RI principal with a ham ticket. BHHS ARISS contact is moving forward for the last week in November (either Wed or Thu). Their club W1BHX just ordered \$2000 worth of gear for their new station, and completed an

open house which was very popular. A new effort is underway at Newport's Pell Elementary school to carry out a ARISS contact in late 2018. This will be the 1st RI Public School to get involved, and has produced a lot of support statewide.

Ted reported on efforts to revitalize ARES in Rhode Island and plans for a simulate bicycle race to be held in January or February.

John WA1ABI updated the club on the completion of the W1SYE repeater upgrade, which is back in its final location. The effort was supported by many club members, and a slide show is posted on the club website. (ED: Please be aware that John restored the repeater hardware, purchased the crystals required, and donated the hardware to the club).

John also updated the club on the recently published Field Day results. NCRC Field Day 2017 was another great success. We came in 1st place in RI, 2nd place in New England, and 4th place nationally. The 2nd/3rd/4th place finishers nationally were all within a few points of each other this year.

Rob KB1ZZU gave a summary presentation on NCRC's fifth JOTA this October. His presentation is on the website.

Bob WB4SON gave the third and final reading of the proposed Bylaw changes, which was then voted into effect by the membership.

Jack presented the Nominating Committee slate of officers for 2018, which was presented to the membership, who voted them into office. The officers for 2018 are:

- President: Paul K1YBE
- Vice President : Jim KA1ZOU
- Treasurer: Ted W1GRI
- Secretary: Bob WB4SON
- Executive Committee Member: Willy W1LY
- Executive Committee Member: Paul KC1HEP
- Executive Committee Member: John WA1ABI

The members were reminded that this is our final meeting for 2017, that our next gathering on Monday December 11th will be our annual year end party. Members were asked to sign up using the "Dinner Party" tab on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted, Bob, WB4SON, Secretary