



Newport County Radio Club

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The September 11, 2017 NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Paul K1YBE. There were 24 members and three guest present.

After a moment of silence in recognition of Hurricane Harvey and Irma, Paul Silverzweig N1PSX was recognized for his deployment in Texas.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved by the membership.

The membership stands at 89, and the club was informed of the upcoming Technician Class on October 5th at St Lucy's Church in Middletown, where we are expecting 20-25 students. Jack K1JG held a VE Session this past weekend and two new Technicians passed their exam, one of which is expected to join the club in October.

Ted W1GRI gave the Treasurer's report indicating the club checking balance was \$8,963.

Chuck N1CKT gave a detailed QSL report. We now have 8,930 QSOs currently in LotW. It was noted that Willy W1LY made the 1st QSO, and QSO #1000, 4000, 6000 & 7000.

Mike K1NPT covered STEAM efforts: ASA has 10 students taking CyberPatriot and Ham Radio classes (he noted that interest is growing in ham radio due to the recent hurricanes). His goal is an exam in January. BHHS ARISS contact is moving forward and will now be a telebridge contact the week after Thanksgiving. There are currently four licensed hams with 8 others expressing interest. The club room will have a 4" pipe hole for coax access. Mike is looking for a gift of AGM Battery to provide battery backup.

Ted reported on two upcoming public service events.

It was mentioned that the club completed another island activation, Little Gould Island near Tiverton. In addition the Lighthouse at Beavertail was activated for ILLW Weekend in August.

Paul K1BYE had the first reading of the proposed Bylaws change. After the second reading (in October) the membership will be asked to vote on the change.

Paul also mentioned the club will participate in the Fall River Maker Faire on Sunday October 1st from 10 to 4 PM at the YMCA, demonstrating ham radio on-air, and soldering techniques.

Rob KB1ZZU reported on JOTA, October 20-22. Four troops have been invited, with one officially signed up. The format has changed somewhat and additional help will be required to man several Q&A Tables that will be used to evaluate the scouts merit badge efforts. A fox hunt is also anticipated.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

After the meeting, Bob WB4SON gave a presentation on DSTAR devices (radios and access points).

Respectfully submitted, Bob, WB4SON, Secretary