



Newport County Radio Club

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The February 13, 2017 NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Paul K1YBE. There were 33 members present.

A new applicant, Paul Campbell, KC1DJO of Wakefield RI, was voted into membership unanimously

Ted W1GRI gave the Treasurer's report indicating the club has \$9,863.20 in the bank plus about \$140 in Paypal. Dues plus sales of Pixies and another radio account for the balance increase. Members were reminded that dues are now payable.

Paul N1PSX updated the club on the Winter Field Day submission -- nothing short of fantastic with 202 CW, 859 Phone, and 54 Digital contacts. A total of 55,356 points were claimed, more than 3 times the score last year

Pete W1LAB reported on the W1AAD DSTAR repeater which is still off the air. The new computer was installed last week as we await software from Icom to update our system to the latest "G3".

Mike K1NPT updated the club on STEM efforts ongoing in the state. He is currently working with twenty 4-8 grade students at All Saints finishing up CyberPatriot and moving onto Ham Radio. He requested folks help ASA with the School Club Roundup contest later in the week. A 2.4 GHz Broadband HamNet node has been installed at ASA. BHS's CyberPatriot program is up and running and took 2nd place in the state. The ARISS contact at BHS is on track for October of 2017, and may include North America's first HamTV experience but tech support will be required.

Chuck N1CKT gave the QSL report -- 5,490 contacts are in the main log. Lotw is up to 1757 confirmed contacts, and 115 DXCC entities. The club has received 367 QSL cards. The Winter Field Day log needs to be added to LotW. A new generic QSL card needs to be printed.

New ID-style (portrait orientation) name badges will be available for purchase via the club website for \$9 each. New members will receive them automatically.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

After the meeting a presentation was given by John WA1ABI on the theory of operation of the Pixie. Paul Boudreau then gave a presentation on soldering, and members were able to hone their skills at eight solder stations.

Respectfully submitted, Bob, WB4SON, Secretary