

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



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The January 11, 2016 Regular NCRC Meeting was called to order by Jim, KA1ZOU, at 7:05 PM. By headcount there were 29 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting as well as the year-end treasurer's report were posted on the website and the membership agreed to review them online.

Bob, WB4SON, presented a new member-application to the membership who was voted in, bringing our current membership to 83. Our newest member is:

Brian Cook, KC1EQB, Middletown, RI

An update was given by Mike, K1NPT, on the ARISS activity at All Saints Academy. The contact is still scheduled for the week of May 2. Mike has the secondary antennas mounted on the ASA rooftop, and is completing the installation of the coax -- it will be ready for on-air testing soon. Jeff, KA1NGP, is providing the primary station, and all that hardware is in hand. Jeff has been practicing with the software and tracking system. Dave, W2DAN, has loaned a high power 2 meter amplifier to ASA. Additional ham volunteers are always appreciated. Please contact Mike.

Forrest, W1MEE, provided an update on his activities at Rogers High School. At some point during May-June, they will be installing a temporary tower and antenna system. The school will evaluate that and if not objectionable, will allow it to be installed permanently. There are 3-4 students interested in becoming hams. Forrest has asked for help installing the antenna and moving gear to the school. Please contact Forrest.

Rich, KC1ARO, and Paul, N1PSX, gave a report on their National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) activation on Jan 9th. 236 contacts were made in about 2.5 hours,

and the log has already been uploaded to LotW. Members were reminded that they must have a LotW account to participate in the year-long NPOTA Challenge. Plans are underway for future activations at various park locations statewide.

Rich and Paul also discussed Winter Field Day, from noon to noon on Jan 30/31. They currently have seven operators and would like more. Remember, emergencies don't only happen in the summer!

Ted, W1GRI, informed the membership that the Club DSTAR repeater, W1AAD, will be changed over to Reflector 69C (in the past it has been on 10C, but the majority of New England repeaters are on 69C now). Ted also reminded members that dues are now due.

A motion was made to close the meeting at 7:53PM

Following the meeting, a presentation was given by several members on what their home station setups are like. That presentation can be found on the website.

Respectfully submitted, Bob, WB4SON, Secretary