



Newport County Radio Club

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The June 11, 2018 NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Paul K1YBE. There were 30 members present.

A moment of silence was held for Jim Kyle KC1SD and Peter Ransom KB1ZMO, Silent Keys.

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

Jim, KA1ZOU, presented the following member applicants who were approved for membership (total membership stands at 126):

- Dave McDonald Coventry KC1JRU
- Mark Rudd Tiverton (pending)
- Jeremy Taylor Coventry K1JST

Mike K1NPT reported on STEAM efforts: New member Ava has a new call WB1BOS (Go Sox). Pell Elementary is gearing up for space chat #3 October 1-7. An omni AREDN node was installed at Ed W1NQH's home, and Paul has confirmed good signals into Glen Park for FD. In July/August 2.4 & 5 GHz nodes will be installed in Portsmouth, with two more at the northern island by year's end.

Ted W1GRI gave the treasurer's report: Balance \$14,318, which includes a \$2K grant from IBM that was obtained by Mike. Two members remain unpaid and will be removed from the roster at the end of June.

Ted also mentioned that Amateur volunteers gave 310 hours of time to the recent Tour de Cure event, with 40+ hams engaged.

John WA1ABI covered described the Field Day operation this year with a slightly different antenna configuration. Members were reminded to sign up for the dinner online, and list their volunteer desires on the

sign up sheets. The 3 PM Education Program will be given by Mike and his son Mac on AREDN. Dave KC1GPA's excellent GOTA video was shown to the membership. Chuck N1CKT mentioned that 6 meters has been hopping recently and he still has openings for operators.

Chuck also mentioned that the most recent activation had been uploaded to the club's logs, although there were a large number of log errors (76%) that needed to be addressed.

Dave W2DAN, mentioned that he would be operating the "13 Colonies" Radio Event July 1 to July 7 and suggested that club members try to contact all 13 special event stations.

Paul (N1PSX) will give a presentation focused on how Amateur Radio works for the benefit of the community and served agencies, and will include many images from his work in the Puerto Rico recovery.

Paul (AC1DW) will be the coordinator of our first "Hands-on Radio" event starting Thursday July 19 at 6:30 PM to 8 PM at ASA, Middletown. The meeting will be a VHF Bonanza with a focus on radios (HTs, Mobiles), antennas (Mobile, Hand-Held, Base), and accessories (Batteries, chargers, mics, programming cables, etc). A "Hands-on Radio" Tab has been added to the website, and members are asked to **REGISTER in advance to satisfy security procedures.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM

Following the meeting, Chuck Johnson (K8HEL) from Dayton gave an absolutely delightful Skype presentation on the History of Charles Kettering (founder of DELCO) and inventor of many things.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob WB4SON - Secretary