

Newport County Radio Club

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The Oct 9, 2018 NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Paul K1YBE. There were 25 members present.

The minutes of the Sep 10 meeting were approved by the membership.

Jim KA1ZOU, presented the membership report. No new member applicants (total membership stands at 126)

Education activities reported were:

- General/ Extra study group is proceeding on schedule. Open to all
- Mike K1NPT reported on successful completion of SpaceChat #3 at Pell Elementary in Newport. Gov. Raimondo attended. Videos available.
- The 2.4 & 5 GHz AREDN nodes in Portsmouth are accessible.
- Mentors are requested for the School Club Roundup in mid October.
- Rob (KB1ZZU) described preparations for the JOTA event at Glen Park in Portsmouth. Radio merit badge class organized by Jim (KA1ZOU) and radio experience supported by our NCRC members.

Ted W1GRI gave the treasurer's report: Balance \$14140 which includes a \$2K reserve fund from a grant from IBM. All members have paid their dues at this point.

Ted also reported on the Cystic Fibrosis "Cycle For Life" bicycle event Sep15 and the Surging Shores Emergency preparedness event in Newport he attended. Many stakeholders were present and NCRC was invited by the Newport Fire Chief Bryan Dugan.

Members were reminded that the upcoming 2018/2019 Federal Budget has cut all funding for WWV/WWVB/WWVH as these often used stations may be going off the air.

QSL manager Chuck N1CKT expressed his need for support on getting new QSL cards and assistance going forward. His support of this task has been invaluable.

The JOTA event will also include a satellite operations by Bob (WB4SON) as our second Hand's-On event.

Discussion of the Winter Field Day on Jan 26/27 2019 included Jack (N1JK) attending the town meeting on Glen and Willy (W1LY) will be the event leader this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Following the meeting, Dr. Richard Conner of Umass Dartmouth shared stories, pictures and video of his research on the politics of dolphins in Shark Bay Australia and signed books for members. His project website is www.dapinc.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul K1YBE- President