

NCRC Meeting January 14, 2019

Dick Bianco, president, started the meeting at 1900

Ray Perry introduced himself as the new PEM Director. He expressed his desire to maintain the comms unit at the Portsmouth EmComm center. He described his responsibilities during an emergency and how EmComm is important to that. RI is ranked 4th or 5th in vulnerability to disaster. He went on to ask NCRC members if we would continue to support Portsmouth Emergency preparedness. Ray's PowerPoint showed the new EOC center and communication center, largely built by Chuck Kesson, N1CKT.

Ray described opportunities for participation, both in Preparedness (non-travel) and Response (Deployment). CONTACT: rperry@portsmouthri.com (401) 477-2172 Ray Perry

Roll Call

November Minutes approved

Membership report – 126 members

Gerald Lemay, VA2GLU from Canada (Paid) and John Vecoli, KC1KOO (Paid) were voted in as members, now we are 128 members. As of Jan 13, 54 members yet to pay dues.

Ted Wrobel, treasurer, reported the club bank balance and noted that a relatively large withdrawal had been made for the new Toughbook laptops and related expenses. Reported as:

Balance \$10,901 + PayPal \$959 (\$2000 reserved grant for STEAM)

- Purchased 5 Toughbook Laptops for logging during events (\$2,244.40)
- Purchased 2 Multi-band dipoles, paracord, leader, and coax jumpers for Matchbox tuners (\$309.93)
- Purchased club license of ACL logging software (\$50)

Education / STEM activities report -

Mike Cullen reported that our RI teams did very well in the Cyber Patriot competition last weekend, but results have not been formalized at this time.

All Saints Academy is working on solar panels to power their radio station.

BHHS will be operating WFD with W1OP at their Johnston Club House.

Mike provided a Wifi mesh update, Van Beuren funding for Newport county public schools will continue to fund that effort. Mike observed that his activities appear to combine with Ray Perry's outreach very favorably. Mike displayed an 80-meter fox radio receiver and speculated that fox hunting may be in the future for his students. Some 80m transmitter solution will be needed. Mike has been working with students on FRS channel 1 and asks members who have FRS radios to listen for students at 1900.

Paul Fredette's General/Extra seminar produced four new Extra class members. Three tried for General, 2 after passing Tech. Mary (KC1NEB) passed the General and then passed her Extra class test.

Jack Garforth announced the next VE session March 9th 0900 at the Middletown Baptist Church.

QSL report -

A recognition award was presented to Chuck Kesson in recognition of his excellent contribution to organizing and reporting the QSL records for the club. The new QSL committee with Jim Sammons and John Mills reported that AC Log is being configured on the new Toughbook laptops for use by the club and its members.

John Vecoli, KC1KOO and Gerald Lemay VA2GLU, were elected to membership, now 128 members.

WFD – W1LY: Weather may be very different. Snow planning in place. Easy antennas, so not as much prep work to do. Willy needs operators, especially beginners. He asked for members to sign up with Dave Brown before leaving.

Program Chair, Mary Nebiolo, asked for ideas for programs.

Ideas solicited for build nights, members are asked to suggest projects. We have experts who can teach soldering.

Ted Worbel requested contributions for Coast Guard members affected by the government shutdown. A proper method of assistance will be used and many contributions were received.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.