

NCRC Meeting February 11, 2019

Dick Bianco, president, started the meeting at 1900

Roll Call – 28 members attended.

January minutes approved as posted on the web site.

Dick Bianco read a thank you letter for the \$165.00 contribution to the Coast Guard members affected by the government shutdown.

Membership report – 130 members, no new members, 3 badges not picked-up

Education / STEM activities report – Mike Cullen not present

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Paul Fredette will hold two General Study Secessions prior the question Pool changing on June 30. Paul thinks that there may be three people interested.

Ted Wrobel, treasurer, reported the club bank balance of over \$12,000.00. In addition, 35 have yet to pay dues.

Public Service—Ted Identified that March 21 at the ASA at 1830 there will be EMCOM training. This training could support Bicycle Races, Foot Races and Emergencies. He will setup 4 or 5 tables with radio stations and give an Overview to EMCOMs, Pass messages, debrief participants and rerun the message passing drill. All followed by a “Hot Wash-up”. Using NIMS and ICS like protocols. Sign up to be added to the Web page and the event will be mentioned in the modulator. Radios will be available but you can bring your HT or “Go Kit if you have one.

Jack Garforth announced the next VE session March 9 and June 8 0900 at the Middletown Baptist Church.

QSL report - The QSL committee, Jim Sammons and John Mills, along with W1LY are working the winter field day QSLs. They expect to make the date for submission. Dave Brown has reworked the toughbook computers and they now have Windows 7 on them and are working OK.

WFD – W1LY identified that the winter field day went fantastic even though there seemed to be fewer contact than last year, there were more new operators and more volunteers to support set-up and break-down than before. This is a sign of a strong club. He identified some of the thoughts from the Hot wash-up and discussion followed on some items that participants felt

went well or could have been better. W1LY asked the members to list of who helped out and the shifts they were on to help put the report together.

Some Items touched on were: Chairs are uncomfortable, tents not winterized, Need more familiarization with the logging, notebook for each station, modify antenna trim to get off resonance. A Practice event should be arranged.

Dick Bianco showed a mapping of the club activities to coordinators. This mapping will be added to the web site and is hoped to allow new people in the club to identify whom they can contact to get involved with an activity that interests them. This tool is also useful as a notebook for the coordinator to identify all the activities that go into a particular program.

Mary Nebiolo, Programs Chair, has compiled a list of presentations, and will send it to Dick Bianco for inclusion in the calendar.

We are still soliciting ideas for build nights, members are asked to suggest projects. We have experts who can teach soldering.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.