

## **Newport County Radio Club**

The April 8, 2019 NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Dick KC1IPJ. There were 35 members present.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved by the membership, as posted on the website.

Jim KA1ZOU, gave the membership report which stood at 129. Three new member applicant were voted into membership:

Keith Henry (no call yet), Middletown RI Gerry Bay W1XY, Jamestown RI Kurt Rauschenbach KC1LDO, Newport RI,

Bob WB4SON reports that the latest Tech Class is about to start on April 23, but only has 4 members signed up so far. Paul K1YBE has one student signed up for the General Study Group that starts the same day. Paul reported that the STEM4Girls event had 240 participants and spoke glowingly about the support received by NCRC.

Ted W1GRI reported that the club has \$11,502 in the bank. He mentioned that donations from club members covered the cost of updaing from the CF30 to newer CF31 Toughbooks.

Jim KA1ZOU mentioned that a few prototype designs for the new QSL had circulated for approval. No report was given this month as there will be a presentation on QSLing at the May meeting.

Ted W1GRI reported that there were about a dozen people who attended the EMCOM Hands On Event at ASA. He mentioned the role that hams are playing in the Boston Marathon, and mentioned the ARES team that has grown in RI, and is upporting the upcoming May NWS Hurricane Event in Quonsett.

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Willy W1LY described the #1 national place finish in our class (2 transmitters) and the #4 national finish overall, by W1SYE during Winter Field Day. There was one other RI entry by W1OP. The three higher scoring stations all had more transmitters on the air.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

A presentation was given by Mark Rudd on the Titanic radio system.

Paul K1YBE gave a quick intro to the upcoming May Hands On Radio event which will cover MatLab and the use of SDR dongles. See the website to signup for this event.

Resectifully Submiteed Bob WB4SON - Secretary