



## Newport County Radio Club

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The May 13, 2019 NCRC meeting was called to order by Dick KC1IPJ. There were 25 members present. The secretary was absent and formal notes were not taken during the meeting.

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

Jim KA1ZOU, gave the membership report which stood at 131. A new member applicant - Richard Anderson (NY1US) from North Kingstown RI was voted in by the membership.

Paul K1YBE gave updates on the General Study Group (1 student) and the Technician Class (8 students). The exam will be given on June 4th. He also updated the club on the upcoming "Hands on Radio" event for May 30th at ASA. A presentation will be given on MatLab and Simulink which will allow students to control a USB SDR Dongle. Please signup online as we are limited to approximately 20 students.

Ted W1GRI reported that the club has \$11,491 in the bank. The club approved the acquisition of a 6-meter Moxon, coax and a dipole -- The estimated cost in the order of \$350.

Ted W1GRI reported that there will be a "Resiliency Radio Exercise" held on June 29th from 11 AM until 1 PM. Hams are needed to man the fire station VHF radio as well as a few public parks. Citizens with FRS radios will attempt to file reports with the hams, who will then forward them to the fire station via VHF.

Installation of the VHF radio will happen during the week of June 3. Please contact Ted if you would like to help out.

Scott WX1X gave an update on ARES. There are currently 70 members (see [RIARES.org](http://RIARES.org)). The Hurricane Awareness Tour in Quonset was a hit. Their next event is an ARRL Message Handling Exercise on May 23 from Glen Park in Portsmouth. Upcoming social events are at the New England Steam Museum on June 8 and Beavertail Lighthouse at the end of July. Please contact Paul N1PSX for details.

Dick KC1IPJ gave the first reading of proposed changes to the Bylaws and Constitution (attached). The second reading and vote will occur on June 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at ? PM

After the meeting, John K1JSM, and Jim KA1ZOU gave a presentation on logging and the QSL process. Willy W1LY added his comments on what to be aware of when logging for Field Day.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bob WB4SON - Secretary

### **From the First Reading of Proposed Bylaws/Constitution Changes:**

Article Two of the Constitution, is proposed to be modified by adding a new Section 4 which reads as follows:

**Section 4) All new members are "Probationary" for their first year of membership.**

The Bylaws Article Two, on New Members is replaced with the following:

## ARTICLE TWO – NEW MEMBERS

Section 1) Anyone may complete an online application for membership and pay the appropriate dues either online, or to the treasurer (in person at a meeting, or via mail).

Section 2) All applications for new membership are reviewed by the Executive Committee (EC) before being presented to the general membership for a vote. If the EC finds a just reason, they may refuse to allow the membership application to proceed, in which case all membership fees shall be refunded in full. Reasons to refuse to process an application are not limited to, but may include concerns of danger to club members or knowledge of inappropriate or felonious behavior.

Section 3) New members who have been approved by the Executive Committee and have paid their dues, may be voted in by the general membership at a business meeting. Approved new members are probationary for their first year, and may be removed by the Executive Committee at their discretion, in which case the member's full dues shall be refunded.

A NEW Bylaws Article Three is added as follows:

## ARTICLE THREE - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1) Any Full Adult or Life Member of the club may request that the Executive Committee (EC) terminate another member's membership for cause. The member making the request must supply their reasons in writing to the EC. The EC shall evaluate this request and may conduct further investigation. The member being asked to resign will be requested to supply any evidence in support of retaining their membership to the EC, or they may choose to voluntarily resign. Upon investigation, should the EC deem that involuntary removal is appropriate, and the impacted member requests to bring their case to the membership, the EC shall provide their findings to the membership at the next possible business meeting. The impacted member may state their case at the same meeting. A simple majority vote by secret ballot at that meeting shall determine the outcome. If, at any point, the impacted member chooses not to participate, this will be considered a voluntary resignation.