



## Newport County Radio Club

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The July 8, 2019 NCRC meeting was called to order by Dick KC1IPJ at 7:03 PM. There were 27 members present.

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

Jim KA1ZOU gave the membership report which stands at 125. A new member applicant - Daniel Clinton (KC1DWV) was voted into membership, bringing our membership to 126 (six members were removed from the roster per the bylaws).

Mike K1NPT gave an update on his education and STEAM outreach activities. Mike noted that a WSPR node at ASA continues to work (20 meters from 10 AM until 10 PM (100 mW)). MAC K6MAC gave an update to the Lt. Gov. staff (about 20 people) on the ARDEN mesh network and communication resiliency). Bob WB4SON reported that the Hands On HT Class will be held July 9th at St. Lucy's. Six of the seven students are expected to join the club and take the class.

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Ted W1GRI reported that the "Resiliency Radio Exercise" on June 29th was a success and the Fire Chief was impressed. There were about 10 hams monitoring FRS with Troop 3 Boy Scouts and a few citizens participating with FRS radios. After the exercise, it appears about 80% of the town can be covered by the two fire stations.

Scott WX1X gave an update on ARES. There will be an ARES gathering and lighthouse/island activation at Beavertail on Saturday

July 20th. Setup is 9 AM, and they should be on the air from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. All are invited. Scott also mentioned that the ARRL EC-001 course will be given on August 10th and 17th -- location and exact time to be determined.

Mike reported on social media activity and noted that unlike all his other activities there is almost no activity coming from NCRC. He has put out a plea for everyone to "like" the Facebook page (and have their family members do likewise). He also pointed out that youth social media has moved off of Facebook and onto Instagram and others. Mike discussed "NextDoor Newport", a private neighborhood-base social media application, is VERY active and is an appropriate place to update the community on NCRC events.

Willy W1LY gave a report on Field Day, noting several things that went wrong: storms, misconfigured radios, burned out power supplies, and long-term experts that could no longer be with us. But despite all of that, club members persevered and Willy's promise to John WA1ABI was kept -- Field Day went on! Looking toward the future, we really need to develop CW operators. Dick said that next year will likely be a catered dinner as we have just about worn Ed and his crew out (Wonderful food again, Ed). Finally it was noted that logs are needed within the next few days.

It was agreed that a club interest survey should be developed by the August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Jim KA1ZOU gave a wonderful presentation on astronomy: "What every grandparent needs to know about the night sky". Proving once again that the most interesting presentations often have little to nothing to do with ham radio!

Respectfully Submitted  
Bob WB4SON - Secretary