



Newport County Radio Club

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The June 10, 2019 NCRC meeting was called to order by Dick KC1IPJ at 7:06 PM. There were 27 members present.

The minutes of the May 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 - George Anderson (KC1LOO) was voted into membership. It was pointed out that 6 unpaid members will be removed from the roster on July 1st.

Mike K1NPT gave an update on his education and STEAM outreach activities, including the excellent performance by the ASA CyperPatriot team. Mike noted that a WSPR node had been installed at ASA operating on 20 meters from 10 AM until 10 PM (100 mW). BHHS Students have been locked out of their club room but are working to restore access. MAC K6MAC gave a presentation to state officials on resiliency. Bob WB4SON Reported that the latest tech class completed with 7 of the 8 students passing. Paul K1YBE reported 100% pass rate on his General Upgrade study group.

Ted W1GRI reported that the club has \$11,773 in the bank, and reported on Field Day expenses.

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.

Scott WX1X gave an update on ARES. There are currently 70 members (see RIARES.org). The latest ARES event was held at Glen Park about 2 weeks ago and included a digital station passing traffic to W1AW. Last week the group attend a tour of the NE Steam Museum. There will be an ARES gathering held in late July or early August at Beavertail.

Dick KC1IPJ gave the second reading of proposed changes to the Bylaws and Constitution (attached). The changes were approved unanimously (24 yes, 3 abstentions).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Bob WB4SON - Secretary

From the Second 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.