



Newport County Radio Club

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The January 13, 2020 NCRC meeting was called to order by Dick KC1IPJ at 7:04 PM. There were 27 members and two guests present.

The minutes of the November 2019 meeting were approved by the membership, as posted on the website.

Jim KA1ZOU gave the membership report which stands at 136 after voting in Lou Finger (KC1MJQ, Middletown) and Nancy Austin (no call yet, Newport). Bob WB4SON mentioned that 94 members had not paid dues yet for 2020.

Mike K1NPT gave an update on his education and STEAM outreach activities. There is a new group of 14 middle school students under the tutelage of Mike Thoms W9DAD at ASA. They are on HF almost every school day on 20 meters. A new VHF white stick is planned to support having a VHF radio in his classroom. From BHS, Xavier, N1XLL, is available for an unpaid internship at any interested technical business (contact Mike for more information). Mike is placing an order for two Pico Balloons (40K feet, transatlantic) and anticipating they will run WSPR for tracking. Mary KC1NEB and Ted W1GRI were judges at the local science fair. Bob reported that five of six students passed their Technician Class in North Scituate. The hands-on HT class will be held TBD in February. A new Technician class will begin in late April, along with a General/Extra study sessions (all at St. Lucy's in Middletown)

Mike also reported on Social Media activities, hoping that people can supply him with daytime photos from WFD, and pointing out that BSA

Narragansett Council had a televised report (channel 12) on Mesh activity.

Ted reported a balance of \$8,198.

Ted updated the club on ARES, reporting on the upcoming simplex net, and the ARRL's effort to try and reestablish the National Traffic System. It was mentioned that the NB1RI repeater system link is back on the air (with restoration of power at the Superman Building). Hopefully the link will remain functional.

Willy W1LY gave a report on efforts to evaluate the problems with the W1SYE repeater, which seems to have gone deaf over the past couple of months. He and Kelly K1GKW will be spending time in pit.

Jim reported on the upcoming Florida US Islands on the Air activations over three days beginning January 19. These will be never before activate Spoils Islands in St. Lucie or Indian River County. Look for them using the W1SYE call mostly on 14.265 MHz.

Willy described the upcoming Winter Field Day (some setup on Jan 24), operation from 2 PM on the 25th thru the 26th. The club is looking to borrow a generator (contact Dick) and a Elecraft K3.

John KC1KOO is looking to coordinate a more official JOTA activity this October 2020 using BSA Narragansett Facilities since Glen Park seems to be unavailable for the next few years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM

Logging demonstrations and training was held after the meeting using N1MM and N3FJP logging software.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob WB4SON - Secretary