

NCRC Meeting Minutes – Monday February 10, 2020

Sign in (KVH and Club logbooks) & Roll Call **There were 33 Members attending**

Reports & Old business

- Approval of Minutes (January, posted on website). **Minutes were approved as posted**
- Membership Report (Jim KA1ZOU)
 - Jimbo Sendrick KC1LYG Narragansett **Four new members were voted in Geoffrey Canham, Jimbo Sendrick, Erick Guinn and James Sendrak. (We may have voted in Jimbo twice)**
 - Dues are due for year 2020 - 137 Members, 66 NOT PAID **We now have 140 Members and Ted indicated that some more members have paid up so we have less than 66 not paid.**
- Education Report
 - STEAM Report (Mike K1NPT) **Mike didn't attend so No Report.**
 - STEM4Girls UmasD Mar 28 Help requested (Paul K1YBE)
 - Tech Class St. Lucy's starting Tue April 21 @ 5:30 PM, at St Lucy's (Bob WB4SON) **Bob will put a signup sheet on the website**
 - General/Extra study Groups starting same time/place (Paul K1YBE) **Paul talked about the Class and encouraged anyone taking the technicians class to also try the General exam. Next VE exam is on June 13, 2020.**
- Social Media Report (Mike K1NPT) **Mike didn't attend so No Report.**
- Treasurer's Report (Ted W1GRI)
 - Balance \$B IBM Escrow \$E Outstanding Dues \$(66*25)
 - Fixed Monthly Expense \$M Available funds \$(B-E-11*M) **We have ≈ \$6800 in our account (this is after we pay for the K3 and the tent)**

- Audit prep underway, report in March **The auditing of the accounts for 2017, 2018 and 2019 has been done and no irregularities were found. The Audit team is working on the report and is trying to develop a better way of reporting the clubs account balance. Dick also showed the Yearly Budget estimates developed from the 2019 actual expenses. (Yearly Budget is shown on a shared Google spreadsheet)**
- Executive Committee Report (Dick KC1IPJ) **Dick Bianco summarized the Executive Committees meeting and the club voted to approve the Purchase of the K3. He also explained the reasoning for the tent buy and the rationale for not upgrading the repeater, buying a generator and a second tent at this time. The rationale was predicated on the amount of money that the Yearly Budget was able to support. Jim Sammons identified that he is working on a Champlin Grant which requires a 1 page justification and is opening in March. He will need detailed cost estimates for the equipment.**
 - Purchased full season tent \$500. **Agreed to by the Club, the cost was \$475.**
 - K3 Purchase **Approved by the Club**
 - Other EC items
 - Potential upcoming repeater updates
- W1SYE Repeater Update (Willy W1LY) **The repeater is working again after Dave Neal and Matt White realigned the receiver. Dave also swept the Hard line and found an impedance bump about 98 feet in the line. This could be the source of the “churchie” noise that was heard on the repeater. Dave recommended that the repeater be realigned every year and that the hardline and antenna be replaced. He also indicated that the newer repeaters would give us better reliability than the 60 year old current repeater.**
- Public Service Update (Ted W1GRI) **No public events in the winter.**

- Florida Island Activation (John K1JSM/Jim KA1ZOU) **The pictures were shown on the website and the Activation activities were described by Jim Sammons**
- Winter Field Day Wrapup (Willy W1LY) **Willy summarized the winter field day and emphasized that we got more new operators this field day than in the years past. We will have to wait to find out we compared to the other contestants. Dick Bianco will put together the Entry and get it reviewed and sent by March 1, 2020.**
 - 2020 Preliminary Results 36,000 points
 - 2019 Results 39,400 (4th place nationally, 1st in 2O)
 - 2018 Results 37,966 (2nd place nationally, 1st in 2O)
 - 2017 Results 55,356 (2nd place nationally & in 2O)

New Business

- Upcoming Fox Hunt (KA1ZOU) - **May 9 or 10 Jim discussed the Fox hunt and will include BVARC in the event.**
- Any new business? **No New Business**

Adjourn

Presentation

- Yagi-Uda stuff and Tape measure project analysis (Paul K1YBE)

Submitted by Richard Bianco, KC1IPJ