



## Newport County Radio Club

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The March 9, 2020 NCRC meeting was called to order by Dick KC1IPJ at 7:01 PM. There were 25 members and one guest present.

The minutes of the February 2020 meeting were approved by the membership, as posted on the website.

Bob WB4SON gave the membership report which stands at 141; 47 members have not paid dues yet for 2020.

Bob mentioned that the Tech Class is scheduled for April 21st at 5:30 PM at St. Lucy's. Paul, K1YBE, will be holding a General and Extra study group at the same time/place. Please register online. Bob completed his VHF training session at the RI E911 Center on March 12. Paul is looking for help with the UMASS Dartmouth STEM4Girls event on March 28th. Jim KA1ZOU mentioned that Charlene Tuttle 423-7010 from Jamestown, is looking for help teaching soldering skills to her students on March 24th and March 25th.

Ted W1GRI gave the treasurer's report with \$9382 in the bank, of which \$2000 is reserved for the IBM grant, and \$2000 is reserved for the purchase of John WA1ABI's K3 (Field Day). Three years of audits were completed with no issues found, but more details coming in May.

Ted mentioned that not much was currently underway in terms of public service, but Newport did have a successful test of their FRS "333" system: Channel 3, every 3 hours (12/3/6/9), then listen for 3 minutes.

Willy W1LY spoke of the W1LY Repeater Upgrade. Jim has been working hard on applying for a grant to help defray the cost. Dave W2DAN and Matt KA1BQP visited the site, found the receiver out of alignment and restored it to operation. They noted some

antenna/feedline issues that will need to be resolved in the future. But the hope is the repeater can be kept on the air in the near term.

Jim mentioned that the upcoming Fox Hunt will be sometime in May, and highly recommended joining QRP ARCI as that group has many fun construction projects. They are sponsoring a contest at Dayton for who can produce the highest power output on 40 meters for 1 minute using a single 2N2222 transistor.

The meeting was voted closed at 7:36 PM. Following the meeting, a 25 minute video from Bob Allphen K4UEE, who led the K1N Navassa Island DXpedition, talking about what went on behind the scenes of their record breaking DXpedition.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Beatty WB4SON, Secretary