



Newport County Radio Club

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The June 8, 2020 NCRC meeting was using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Richard KC1IPJ. There were 46 participants

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

Bob WB4SON presented six new member applicants to the membership who were voted in. The membership now stands at 149 members, with 34 who have not paid their dues yet for 2020. The six new members voted in were:

- Crystal Thibault, pending, Portsmouth (App in & Paid)
- Bill Cassidy, pending, Newport (App in & Paid)
- Kevin Buss, pending, Portsmouth (App in & Paid)
- Jarad Alves, pending, New Bedford (App in)
- Alexandra Rust, AE0DN, Hope RI (App in)
- Michael Benker, pending, South Dartmouth MA (App in)

The education reports were given:

- Tech Class Completed 30 students 25 passed (Bob WB4SON)
- General/Extra Completed 15 students 11 passed (Paul K1YBE)
- Fantastic VE session 42 exams given, 36 passed (Jack N1JK)
- Working on a computerized system to give exams and reduce paperwork
- Group formed to get certified for online/remote VE exams (Bob WB4SON)

Ted W1GRI gave the Treasurer's Report.

- Total Funds Available for any purpose: \$6735
- Restricted Funds from IBM Grant \$2,000.00
- RI Annual Report filed
- John Mills Donation received toward purchase of the K3 last month. In addition he had the radio serviced (at his expense) by Elecraft

- The Board will meet to revise the list of insured equipment per Ted's request

Ted's Public Service Report mentioned that the Surftown half-marathon (Westerly) is still on for September and needs hams to assist. He also mentioned that nets continue to remain popular. Members are reminded that details on nets are published on the website, including the ARES nets. Scott WX1X also mentioned that ARES hosts a simplex net on 147.42 Simplex on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (Immediately following the net on NB1RI) . Details on nets can be found here: https://w1sye.org/?page_id=3152

Willy W1LY updated the club on the Field Day plans. There will NOT be a GOTA station this year, and the club will be operating using the callsign NE1RI in class 2A, with a strict limit of one person per station at any given time for safety reasons. Please note that club members can participate at home (1D or 1E) using their own callsign, and their score will be added to the club score as long as they list "Newport County Radio Club" in the "Club or Group Name" box when they submit their entry (online here: <https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php>).

It was announced that Chelsea's is open again. Some members might start meeting again for breakfast on Thursdays 7:45AM ish.

The meeting was voted closed at 8:07 PM.

Paul K1YBE hosted a round-table discussion entitled "Stepping Down to HF From Above 10 Meters", intended to provide some guidance to newly upgraded General License holders. Lively conversation on this and other topics continued until almost 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Beatty WB4SON, Secretary