



Newport County Radio Club

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The May 11, 2020 NCRC meeting was using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Richard KC1IPJ. There were 49 participants

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

Bob WB4SON presented two new member applicants to the membership who were voted in. The membership now stands at 143 members, with 37 who have not paid their dues yet for 2020. The two new members vote in were:

- Paul Perrone, KB1QWY, South Kingstown
- John Jackman, N1SMX, North Kingstown

The education reports were given:

- Tech Class ONLINE half way done, 59 registered (Bob WB4SON)
- General/Extra study ONLINE (Thursdays) 19 registered (Paul K1YBE)
- A plea was given for more VE help on June 2nd and 4th when we will hold four drive-in format exams (test takers remain in their cars)
- Group formed to get certified for online/remote VE exams (Bob WB4SON)

Ted W1GRI gave the Treasurer's Report. The club has \$5678.97 in unrestricted funds available for club projects. \$2000.00 remains in the restricted IBM Grant fund (Mesh Networking). A check was written to purchase John King's K3 for use during club on-air activities. Ted mentioned that a review of the club property needs to happen soon so the insurance list can be updated before the next payment.

Richard KC1IPJ mentioned that an audit had been completed by two board members, and one non-board member (John K1JSM), covering the 2017, 2018, and 2019 and found to be acceptable.

Ted mentioned that repeater nets continue to gain popularity. Please check the NETS tab on the website for NET information (VHF, HF, and ARES).

Willy W1LY, indicated that the W1SYE repeater needed some short term work as well as some measurements to construct a tilt-over base for the next antenna.

Willy W1LY also gave a presentation describing how the three planned stations (CW, SSB, VHF) would be run with no more than one person per station to ensure safety. Due to the pandemic, this FD will not be a social event (no club dinners, gatherings, etc.) The question of a GOTA operation remains unresolved. As of date very little interest has been expressed by potential operators (coaches/mentors are in short supply as well).

The meeting was voted closed at 8:04 PM.

After the meeting, a 25 minute presentation "Thinking about learning Morse Code" was given by Bob WB4SON. Lively conversation on CW and other topics continued on for another 45 minutes until the Zoom session was shut down at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Beatty WB4SON, Secretary