



Newport County Radio Club

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The NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Richard KC1IPJ. There were 42 members in attendance. Minutes from the prior meeting were read and approved.

Paul K1YBE reported on three new members who were voted in by the membership, bringing the total membership to 158 (with 32 who have not paid dues to 2020).

- Devin Allen (Devin, NAHY, app in, paid as KVH employee)
- Robert Bardsley (Bob, KB1WHE, app in, paid)
- Douglas Belcher (Doug, KC1NFL, app in, paid)

Jack N1JK mentioned that the VE Test Session at 9 AM on Saturday Sept 12 will be "Drive-thru" style just like we did in June, so a larger number of VEs will be required to support the effort. Bob WB4SON reports the Technician class begins September 15, and Paul K1YBE mentioned that the General/Extra begins on September 18. Please refer folks to the "Become a Ham" tab on our website to register for classes or exams. Class exams will be during the final week of October, likely drive-thru, with a large group of VEs required. Mike K1NPT reported that ASA is starting their classes in August.

The new member mentor program is doing well. The <https://groups.io/g/W1SYE> support group is up and running. Several new hams have been invited to on-air demonstrations at mentor homes.

Ted W1GRI gave the treasurer's report, indicating we have \$6367 available for general purposes and another \$2000 set aside for the IBM Grant (MESH Networking). Ted also mentioned that there would be an upcoming Simplex test in September on the W1SYE repeater, and that the Surftown marathon was finally canceled due to the pandemic.

Paul K1YBE has a large donation of estate gear that can be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Pm5N4k3deB01AOXMf6EJBGuLbZAWYhUQ?usp=sharing>

John KC1KOO mentioned that he is putting together a JOTA group to try and have online instruction and in-person radio events Oct 16-18

There was some discussion of a year-end on-the-air contest (which might morph into a 2021 thing).

The club congratulated Dave KC1LON on his newly designed QSL card and Hawaii QSO!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM. After the meeting, Mike James, AC1GM, gave a presentation on "Field Day in the Boondocks" -- you can see the video on the club website: https://w1sye.org/?page_id=1542

Submitted by WB4SON