



Newport County Radio Club

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The NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on October 12, 2020, by Richard KC1IPJ. There were 37 members in attendance. Minutes from the prior meeting were read and approved.

Paul K1YBE reported on one new member who was voted in by the membership, bringing the total membership to 159 (with 32 who have not paid dues to 2020).

- Michael Skorvanek III, WA1KSN (paid)

Education (Jack N1JK, Paul K1YBE, Bob WB4SON) reported that we are in week 4 of 6, of classes, so things are wrapping up. We anticipate 30ish students to take the exams. The exams will be held “drive-thru” style on October 24th, beginning at 9:00 AM. Two or three 1.5 hours long sessions will be required, and we will need a large number of VEs (minimum of 13), so Jack is looking for volunteers.

Ted W1GRI gave the treasurer’s report, indicating we have \$6379.20 available for general purposes and another \$2000 set aside for the IBM Grant (MESH Networking).

The JOTA group (John KC1KOO/Paul K1YBE/Jim KA1ZOU) reported that JOTA is a go and will be HF only this year (no coverage for VHF DSTAR & no internet). Two members have volunteered to man the gear, and others would be appreciated. Contact John KC1KOO if you can help, the weekend of October 17 & 18. Members staying at home can help by contacting scouts via HF.

John K1JSM reported on POTA activations. This past Friday, five members (John K1JSM, Willy W1LY, Jim KA1ZOU, Richard KC1ARO, and Bob WB4SON) were joined by Jim K1GND (our guest speaker) at Trustom Pond Park, where every operator was able to “activate” the park. Additional activations will happen most Fridays until the

weather turns. There are 45 parks in the state of RI that are part of the ParksOnTheAir.com program. This is an excellent opportunity to try out HF and get on the air in a safe way. Contact any of the five above club members if you are interested. Announcements of future activations will be posted on the club website.

Willy W1LY gave an update on the W1SYE repeater. The repeater committee recommends replacing the antenna and feedline in a timely manner, and states that they can keep the repeater running with more frequent trips to clean/align it. The membership approved up to \$1500 in expense for repeater repairs based on the repeater committee recommendations. This expense was unanimously approved by all 37 members present.

The nomination committee (Jack N1JK, Willy W1LY, Paul K1YBE) conferred with potential officers and developed a list of officers for the 2021 year, which was approved unanimously by the membership. The proposed officers will be voted into office at the November meeting:

- President: Peter Bartram KQ1X
- Vice President: Paul Fredette K1YBE
- Treasurer: Ted Wrobel W1GRI
- Secretary: Bob Beatty WB4SON
- Immediate Past President Richard Bianco KC1IPJ
- Executive Committee: Willy McClean W1LY
- Executive Committee: David Huth KC1LON
- Executive Committee: Jim Sammons KA1ZOU
- Executive Committee: Pete Lawson W1LAB
- Executive Committee: Mary Nebiolo KC1NEB

The second reading of a proposed Bylaw modification, to expand the maximum number of Executive Committee members took place. After discussion, it was approved 35 to 1 (the one “no” vote expressed concern that the group was getting large at 10 total members).

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE ONE – OFFICERS

Section 5) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and **from two to five members**

elected by the membership. The Executive Committee shall provide guidance and bring before the membership, issues and topics related to the well being of the Club and membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM. After the meeting, Jim Johnson, K1GND, from The Consortium (and Blackstone Valley Amateur Radio Club) gave a presentation on "Small HF Antennas". The presentation has been posted on the club website. At the completion of the presentation, discussion on various antenna projects continued until 9:20 AM.

Submitted by WB4SON