



Newport County Radio Club

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The NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM on September 14, 2020, by Richard KC1IPJ. There were 32 members in attendance. Minutes from the prior meeting were read and approved.

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

- Thomas Hall NAHY (paid)
- Don Messier KC1NDM (paid)
- John Mann W1QZ (paid)
- Donald Pick KZ1NAX (paid)

Jack N1JK mentioned that the VE Test Session on Sept 12 produced 5 new Tech licenses, 1 General, and 2 Extras. It looks like we will need 3 to 4 test sessions on Saturday October 24th, so VE help will be appreciated. Bob WB4SON reports the Technician class has 42 signed up, and Paul K1YBE mentioned that the General/Extra has 13 registered.

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 \$6306 available for general purposes and another \$2000 set aside for the IBM Grant (MESH Networking). Ted reported that the Simplex test went well, but only about half of the 16 participants emailed back the list of other stations they copied. Willy W1LY noted that the W1SYE repeater is

ailing again and needs users to “warm it up” for a few minutes before the receiver will get on frequency.

Jim KA1ZOU reported on the work being done for JOTA/JOTI for October 17/18 at Camp Yawgoog. The Yawgoog officials have signed off on the event, but Narragansett Council approval is still pending. Jim is working on creating a virtual Merit Badge program.

Willy W1LY reported on the Parks on the Air program that he, Jim KA1ZOU, and John K1JSM have been participating in and encouraged others to participate. Announcements of future activations will be posted on the club website.

The first reading of a proposed Bylaw modification, to expand the maximum number of Executive Committee members was given (text in red has changed).

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 7:41 PM. After the meeting, Wayne Hansen KC1MCW & Mark Rudd KC1LOM gave a presentation on “Flying the beam”, a history of older navigation systems used by aircraft.

Submitted by WB4SON