



# Newport County Radio Club

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The Mar 8 2021 NCRC meeting was held using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Peter KQ1X. There were 49 participants

The minutes of the February 2021 meeting were approved by the membership, as posted on the website.

Paul K1YBE gave the Membership report:

- Two new member applicants for February:
  - Robert Daniels, Riverside, KC1ODP
  - Steve Lacroix, N Kingstown, KC1EAR
- Dues notices are out - 168 current members
  - 124 have paid dues for 2021

Bob WB4SON gave the education report:

- VE Session -- Need Help. St. Lucy's Church VEs there at 8:30 AM Saturday March 13. Have 4 people signed up so far (3 paid)
- Completed HT Class last month. Had about a dozen students
- On-line License Classes (Tech/Gen/Ext) begin in April 19
  - General Classes Paul K1YBE (Fridays)
  - Technician Classes Bob WB4SON (Tuesdays)

Ted W1GRI gave the Treasurer's Report.

- Amount in treasury for any purposes \$14,876
- Restricted Amount from IBM Grant \$2,500
- Fund drive donations \$9,500 from 29 people
- Donation letters sent, pls advise if in error.

Public Service Report (Ted W1GRI):

- Cystic Fibrosis Bike Event September (Ted W1GRI)
- RI-ARES Report Updates on ARES Nets (Scott WX1X)
  - Tuesdays at 7 PM, on the NB1RI network, the VHF net
  - 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:45 PM, the VHF Simples Net (147.42)
  - 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:45 PM, the HF Net (3.875 MHz)

Willy W1LY & Dave W2DAN gave the Repeater Report:

- GE MastrII still on air!
- Bridgecom repeater received/repared & Bench Tested
- TX Cans were received
- New Cables for Cans were fabricated
- Dave KC1LON & Willy will construct a water-shield for the repeater & cans

GOTA Challenge (Jim KA1ZOU, John K1JSM): Participation is light, there have been a few calls to include CW. The program will hibernate until later this summer

Paul K1YBE spoke of the ARTEN Microwave Group. Contact him for information.

The meeting was voted closed at 7:34 PM.

Following the business meeting, at 7:35, Bruce Blain, K1BG, a member of CWOps, gave a presentation on CW Academy, a Morse Code training program that runs for 8 weeks. The classes are split by experience group (beginners, basic, intermediate (10 WPM+), advanced (15 WPM+))

Respectfully submitted

Bob Beatty WB4SON, Secretary