



Newport County Radio Club

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The April 12, 2021 NCRC meeting was held using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Peter KQ1X.

Paul K1YBE gave the Membership report:

There were 5 new members that were admitted into the club.

- William Wade, K04DLO
- Barbara Lawson, KD2RVK
- Mark Mueller, KB1RYX
- Marc Ladino, no call sign yet

Paul K1YBE gave the education report:

- VE Session on March 13: 4 Tech, 1 General, 2 Extra (100% Success)
- On-line License Class registration setup and advertising beginning
 - General Class K1YBE (April 23 @ 6 PM)
 - Technician Classes Bob WB3SOM (April 20 @ 6 PM)

Ted W1GRI gave the Treasurer's Report and Repeater Report

- Amount in Treasury for any purposes \$14,905
- Restricted Amount from IBM Grant \$2,500
- Total \$17,405
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Ted W1GRI and Dave W2DAN Repeater Report

- Ted reported a very generous donations were made to the repeater committee. The committee has been very frugal with spending. The new cavities have been tested and tuned. The old repeater has been repaired and can function as a backup. Ted reported on the work done to date
- Dave reported the repeater is tuned up, it is still at his house and ready to be installed
- Chuck noted the repeater has been running fine for the past 2 months.

Scott WX1X gave the RI-ARES Report

- Continuing weekly nets
- Tuesday evening at 7 pm RI Repeater Net
- Simplex Net 2nd and 4th Tuesday VHF Net at 7:45 pm
- HF Net every Tuesday at 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:45 pm
- Net Logger is used

Ted W1GRI Reported on upcoming events

- September 18th Cystic Fibrosis Cycle for Life (the repeater reserved for that date event)
- Nobody knows where CFCL event will be held it is highly dependent on Covid vaccination progress
- Diabetes foundation Ride is now going to be a virtual event

Paul K1YBE ARTEN

(Amateur Radio Training Experiment Network – A Microwave Experimenters Group)

- K1NPT (Mike) loaned me Bullet M2 radios when the 3 purchased were too old. DYDX contacts at 2.4 GHz (-2 band) were achieved at 3 and 300 yards. One has a Yagi-Uda antenna and the other a TEM and antenna.
- Granting funding for AR/DC being explored
- Decision is to start with 2.4 GHz vs. 5 GHz and wait for the dual band radios to be supported.
- Opportunities exist to install node on commercial buildings. A request to use the club's liability insurance is under consideration by the EC and no cost to us is required.
- Join mail list: email K1YBE@Yahoo.com
- POTA activities planned.

Get on the Air Challenge update from Jim KA1ZOU reported.

- Winter Results reported
- Nancy KC1NEK was declared the winner. (Jim said, "Blew the doors off the completely off the planet!")
- Seven folks met the criteria in this winter's event.
- John and Jim have tentative plans between now and the fall. To talk up the idea of activations in the field POTA style and invite new HF operators to learn about portable operations as a part of our Elmer program.

New Business

KC1LON reported on Field Day and boosting some enthusiasm for it. Also, working the issue of COVID and determining how people can get vaccinated for this event or tested before the event. Portsmouth EMA director may be able to schedule shots for those who want them. Mike K1NPT commented that he has been volunteering at the Knights of Columbus Covid Testing Center in Middletown and Free Covid testing is available right now through August.

Howie, Jeff, Bruce Manning and others are on board for CW. The CW station seems to be well staffed. We are looking for operators for the phone station and GOTA station. Mary commented on signing up for operating times and providing timeslot schedules was very useful.

The Glen has been reserved by Dick KC1IPJ for Field Day and JOTA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm and Chris Lirakis, AA9AL did a presentation on Quantum Computing.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter Bartram, KQ1X, President