



## Newport County Radio Club

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The January 10, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Nancy, KC1NEK. At various times there were 34 members present.

James Garman, KC1QDZ was voted into membership, which brings the total membership to 181, with 105 paid for 2022 (dues reminders have been sent out).

Mike AA1XQ reported that the next scheduled VE exam is slated for Saturday March 12 at All Saints STEAM Academy in Middletown. This will be the club's first electronic exam (students filling in all paperwork using a tablet computer). The Tech/General/Extra online classes will begin the week of April 18th.

Ted W1GRI gave the treasurer's report:

- Amount in treasury for any purposes \$ 15,513.09
- Restricted Amount from IBM/Lawson Grants \$ 6,000
- Total \$ 21,513.09
- Club audit planned. Do we have an accountant volunteer?

Ted also gave the RI-ARES & Public Service reports. He reminds interested members that the Boston Marathon is looking for volunteers and you can apply up until Feb 18th at this website: <https://nediv.arrrl.org/2022/01/02/boston-marathon-volunteer-registration-opens-on-january-5-2022/>

John KC1KOO gave an update on the MOTA/POTA activity as well as an update on JOTA & Scouting activities. Those interested in Mines On The Air (MOTA) can find more information here: [https://w1sye.org/?page\\_id=2](https://w1sye.org/?page_id=2)

Paul K1YBE gave an update on the ARTEN (Amateur Radio Training Experiment Network) and has several simple designs for antennas, and amplifiers.

Nancy KC1KUF reminded the club that the ARRL has MANY educational resources online. See <https://learn.arrl.org/> and <https://nediv.arrl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ARRL-Education-and-Learning.pdf>

Paul K1YBE notified the membership that the club's access to a storage shed in Glen park is all but assured at this point. The club will be providing some basic improvements to the shed (new roof, painting, installing a door to access tower parts, and a divider to separate our material from the 4-H club.

Nancy KC1NEK interviewed Bob WB4SON for about 10 minutes to give details on Bob's life outside of Amateur Radio. This short interview format will become a regular part of future meetings. February's meeting will include an interview with 16 year old Ryan KC1KUF, who is RI's newest Statehouse Page.

The club engaged in a new activity, small breakout groups of 4 people (about six small groups) where people used the short time to introduce themselves. These breakout groups will become a regular part of club meetings in the future.

The regular meeting was closed at about 7:55 PM and a general discussion group continued until about 9:15 PM.

**NOTE: Due to COVID there will be NO Winter Field Day in Glen Park**, but members are encouraged to participate and consolidate their scores. John KC1KOO will hold a future meeting describing that.

**February's meeting date will be Thursday Feb 17th**, to avoid a conflict with Valentine's Day. Bob WB4SON will be giving a presentation on radio satellite communications.

Respectfully submitted  
Bob Beatty WB4SON, Secretary