



Newport County Radio Club

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The February 17, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Nancy, KC1NEK. There were 34 members present along with two Guests: ARRL NE Division Director Fred Kemmerer AB1OC and Vice Director Phil Temples K9HI.

Ben Cerilli (was WN1CGZ) was voted into membership, which brings the total membership to 182, 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
- A club audit is underway

Ted also gave the RI-ARES & Public Service reports. Boston Marathon - apply to volunteer open now until Feb 18th. Great training.

- <https://nediv.arrl.org/2022/01/02/boston-marathon-volunteer-registration-opens-on-january-5-2022/>
- The 2m net in the recent blizzard was great with 17 check-ins including new people. Shared learning on barometers and

weather stations. Thanks to Chuck N1CKT for organizing the 2m blizzard net.

Willy and the Repeater Committee offer their thanks to John K1JSM who has served as the Repeater Trustee and Volunteer Frequency Coordinator. Corry KE1AK will be taking on these duties in the future.

John KC1KOO indicated that he is in the planning stages for TWO JOTA events in October; one at Glen Park and another at Fort Adams. It is possible that these two events might be folded into one at Fort Adams.

Paul K1YBE gave an update on ARTEN (Amateur Radio Training Experiment Network, the WiFi(Channel -2)/Microwave (1 - 10 GHz) experimenters group. Paul also indicated that this is an important part of the ARRL Spectrum Management activity - if we don't use the bands we will lose them!

REMINDER: Club dues are still \$25 a year and are payable. Please see the "Pay Dues or Donate" tab on the website.

The Glen Park shed for club storage has been approved by the town. Dave KC1LON will be organizing a work group for this Spring/Summer to clean the shed up and make it ready to store the club's towers and antennas.

John KC1KOO gave an update on Winter Field Day. He reminds us to please put "W1SYE" as the club to ensure the club gets credit.

Updates were given by John K1JSM on the 2022 First Annual NCRC Memorial Picnic to be held at the pavilion at Fort Getty on September 18th. This is a free event, families are welcome and more details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

Jim Sendrak would like to offer a new 10m net, starting off once a month. Maybe 8pm? What day? Open to Technicians.

Ryan KC1KUF, was interviewed and gave his views on being a 16 year old page at the Rhode Island State House, and shared his thoughts on the future direction of the club.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 PM. At which point, Bob WB4SON gave a presentation on using FM Satellites for communication. Following the presentation, conversation continued until well past 11 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Bob, WB4SON, Secretary