



Newport County Radio Club

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The November 14, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Nancy, KC1NEK. There were 40 members present (21 in-person and 19 unique zoom users).

The minutes of the October meeting were approved by the membership.

One new applicant, Jeremy Dennis, was voted into membership and hopes to take his tech exam in December. The roster has 177 dues paying members.

Mike AA1XQ explained that the next VE session would be held on December 10th at St Barnabas. No one has signed up to date. There will be a VE training session on how to use the ExamTools system this coming weekend.

Ted, W1GRI, resigned as Treasurer last week after many years of service to the club. Pursuant to the bylaws, the President appointed John Jackman, N1SMX, to be acting Treasurer. The club members voted to approve John's position.

The next order of business was to point out that the club's bylaws currently state that BOTH the President and Vice President may serve only 2 consecutive terms. Of course Paul K1YBE is at the end of his 3rd consecutive term, and he was nominated for a 2023 term as well. After consultation with past members and the Executive Committee (EC), no one could come up with a valid reason to prevent the VP from serving multiple terms (it was pointed out that it was assumed that the VP would become the income President in most cases). Therefore the EC decided to modify the club bylaws. The original text of Article 3, Section 4, and the proposed revised text, are reproduced below, and were read to the club members. A second reading will be held at the December 12th meeting, at which point the membership can vote for the changes if they desire.

Original text:

Section 4) The office of President **and Vice President** may be held by any one member for only two (2) consecutive terms. However, such member may again be elected to **either** office after a lapse of one (1) term.

Revised Text:

Section 4) The office of President may be held by any one member for only two (2) consecutive terms. However, such member may again be elected to office after a lapse of one (1) term.

With that explanation of the issue with the Vice President term limit, the following slate of officers was presented to the membership, which unanimously voted to accept them as their officers for 2023

President - Nancy Austin KC1NEK (year 2 of 2)
Vice President - Paul Fredette K1YBE
Treasurer - John Jackman N1SMX
Secretary - Rob White KB1ZZU
EC - Peter Bartram KQ1X (Immediate Past President)
EC - Bob Beatty WB4SON
EC - Willy Maclean W1LY
EC - John Vecoli KC1KOO
EC - Richard Bianco KC1IPJ
EC - Ted Wrobel W1GRI

The membership was reminded that the club is relying more and more on the W1SYE groups.io channel to organize information and keep the members informed. Nancy KC1NEK, has suggested an expansive list of committees to help coordinate many of the club's activities:

- Digital Modes - open
- ARRL Field Day - Willy W1LY and team
- Contesters - Bill Corbin W3CJK, Bruce Manning NJ3K, Dave Neal W2DAN, Corry KE1AK
- Glen Park Big White Shed 2023 - Dave Huth KC1LON
- GMRS initiative - Mike Cullen K1NPT
- GOTA Elmers - Mark Flaherty W1MBF3
- Microwave / Mesh / ARTEN Fun Experimenters - Paul Fredette K1YBE
- Nets - Rich Travers N1ZSR, Bob Beatty WB4SON, Ted Wrobel W1GRI, Scott Tillotson WX1X
- PLOA - John Mills K1JSM, Jim Sammons KA1ZOU, Jim Sendrak KC1LYG
- Portsmouth EMA/ICC Ham resource- Brian Cottle N1TBT, Kelly Worth K1GKW for Ray
- Perry KC1IPC
- POTA / QRP - Willy Maclean W1LY, Corry Thibault KE1AK
- Repeater Committee - Dave Neal W2DAN
- Satellite - Carl Dumas KC1NAM
- Scouting - John Vecoli KC1KOO, Mike Cullen K1NPT

- Social Media - James Garman KD1QDZ , Mike Cullen K1NPT
- VE & Licensing Chair - Mike Seil AA1XQ
- Youth: All Saints STEAM Academy - Mike Cullen K1NPT

Events Coming Up:

- Next Meeting December 12th at 7 PM at St Barnabas - Donut Party!
- VE Session December 10th at 9 AM at St Barnabas, must register online.

The business meeting was closed at 7:45 PM.

Following the business meeting, Corry KE1AK gave a presentation entitled “QRP: When you care enough to send the very least” This included a live demonstration of his impressively small QRP go kit. The presentation was completed at 8:28 and the Zoom session was shut down at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Beatty WB4SON, Secretary