



Newport County Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

Date: 9 January 2024
Time: 7:01pm – 8:13pm
Location: St. Barnabas Parish Hall, 1697 East Main Rd.
at Fairview Lane, Portsmouth RI and ZOOM video
teleconferencing
Attended by: 21 members live / 22 virtual
Chair: John Vecoli, KC1KOO, President
Minutes: Rob White, KB1ZZU, Secretary

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Subject: Monthly Meeting

Approval/Acceptance of November 2023 meeting minutes – John KC1KOO, President

Discussion

Minutes were posted late, will try to do better in the future

Conclusion

- Approved by unanimous voice vote

Follow-up	Who's responsible?	Date
Get minutes posted to website earlier	KB1ZZU	Next meeting

Acceptance of new club members – Paul, K1YBE, Vice President

Discussion

Ham backgrounds/interests of some the proposed new members discussed

Conclusion

All seven (7) new members accepted per unanimous voice vote

Follow-up	Who's responsible?	When?
N/a	N/a	N/a

Upcoming license prep classes – Paul, K1YBE, Vice President

Discussion

WB4SON hosted Technician class starts 23 April 2024

KB1YBE hosted General & Amateur Extra seminar starts 26 April 2024

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Conclusion

N/a

Follow-up	Who's responsible?	When?
Check W1SYE.org for registration instructions	Interested parties	ASAP

Upcoming Licensing Exam Sessions – Mike, AA1XQ, VE Lead

Discussion

Interest in Westerly exam site or standing up a NCRC remote examining capability

Conclusion

Plenty of existing options for remote/on-line examinations exist (see ARRL.org), so NCRC has no plans or interest in duplicating

NCRC is willing to host an in-person exam session in Westerly, RI for interested exam takers

Follow-up	Who's responsible?	When?
Scheduled quarterly in-person exam sessions listed on W1SYE.org	Interested parties	ASAP
To schedule a special Westerly in-person exam session, contact AA1XQ	Interested parties	ASAP

ARTEN Plans for 2024- Paul, K1YBE ARTEN Lead

Discussion

Upcoming AREDN node (Mikrotik hAP AC3) programming “build-night” planned for later in the month at FabNewport – stay tuned

Conclusion

N/a

Follow-up	Who's responsible?	When?
Contact K1YBE for details	Interested Parties	ASAP

BSA Jamboree On The Air – Sean, K1SDB, JOTA lead

Discussion

JOTA is held the third full weekend every October

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Sean Baker, K1SDB is the new NCRC JOTA lead

Conclusion

N/a

Follow-up	Who's responsible?	When?
Contact K1SDB to volunteer	Interested parties	ASAP

Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure – Jim, KC1YLG, PLOA lead

Discussion

The pavilion at Colt State Park was secured for this year's event saving significant funds over last year.

See business slides for more info

Conclusion

N/a

Follow-up	Who's responsible?	When?
Contact Jim KC1LYG to volunteer	Interested parties	ASAP

Winter Field Day – John, KC1KOO

Discussion

Dave Neal, W2DAN is this year's WFD lead

WFD is the last full weekend in January

Gauging interest in operating CW this year (in addition to phone)

Willy, W1LY will setup antenna(s) the Friday before

Nancy, KC1NEK will operate a 2 meter simplex opportunity again this

Conclusion

N/a

Follow-up	Who's responsible?	When?
Contact Dave, W2DAN to volunteer	Interested parties	ASAP
Contact Nancy, KC1NEK for details	Interested parties	ASAP

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New Business

Discussion

Ted Wrobel W1GRI offered to organize carpooling to New England Ham Expos (e.g., Boxboro, Deerfield, etc.)

Question on continuing ARRL membership rebate program.

President wants to establish a multi-year event calendar and event committee

Conclusion

The ARRL membership rebate program has clumsy logistics (i.e., paperwork and payment), so NCRC is not currently participating. The president will re-look.

Follow-up	Who's responsible?	When?
Contact W1GRI for details	Interested parties	ASAP
Contact John, KC1KOO to help/volunteer	Interested parties	ASAP

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