



Newport County Radio Club

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The October 14, 2024 meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Paul, K1YBE. There were 36 members present (26 in-person and 10 zoom users).

Paul has taken over as president after the resignation of John KC1KOO per the bylaws. Since there was no September meeting, the August minutes were approved, and it was noted that the Treasurer's financial report is posted on the website.

Five new member applicants, were presented and voted into the club by the members:

- Ellen Vadney
- Charles Vecoli KQ4VBS
- Kiran Thakar
- Greg Laovy, KB1FSQ
- Robert Bishop

The next VE session will be held on December 14th at the family room of the Middletown Police Department. The next scheduled class has not been determined, but will most likely be a formal General class lasting about 9 weeks, starting sometime in March of 2025.

Winter Field Day will be held the weekend of Jan 25 & 26. There have been significant rule changes. Jay N1CFY is the chairperson of WFD and gave a brief presentation on the event. He plans on having three dedicated stations, including one for 10m and 6m operation for Technician holders. More will be published in the days ahead. Nancy KC1NEK mentioned that even those that don't desire to be part of the in-person WFD event can still operate their own WFD station at home. This is an excellent way to ensure your home gear is running.

Paul explained that the club bylaws required him to appoint an acting Vice President to fill that vacant position, and Jim KC1LYG has stepped up into the job, already working on plans for the year-end party (Hometown Tavern in Warren - more details coming). The club voted to accept Jim as the VP for the remainder of this year.

The nominating committee was charged with delivering a slate of suggested officers at this meeting, which they did. The floor was then opened to nominations; Stephen AI1IA was added to the list of candidates for EC, and Jay N1CFY decided not to run for EC given the large number of candidates. After nominations were closed the office of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer remained uncontested. Paul per the bylaws becomes an EC member as the immediate past president. The bylaws allow for up to 5 additional EC members, and we have 8 members running, so an election will be required during the November meeting. Paid members holding a valid license will be able to vote for no more than 5 candidates for EC. Voting will take place in person, but can also be done via Zoom on the night of the meeting. Paul mentioned that members who desire to do so can contact him at K1YBE@yahoo.com to discuss voting via email.

The slate of officers (uncontested) for 2025 are as follows:

- President – Jim Sammons, KA1ZOU
- Vice President – Jim Sendrak, KC1LYG
- Treasurer – John Jackman, N1SMX
- Secretary – Arnaldy Medina, KP4AMC

The Bylaws allow FIVE elected EC members, so members will make their selection in November from the below list of eight candidates at the November meeting:

- Nancy Austin, KC1NEK
- Sean Baker, K1SDB
- Bob Beatty, WB4SON
- Evan Bowen, K1GEA
- Nolan Byrne, K1PRU
- Stephen Crawford, AI1IA
- Willy Maclean, W1LY
- David Neal, W1DAN

Speaking of the November meeting, which falls on Veterans Day, a motion was made to hold the meeting on Monday November 18th as long as the church room is available (if it isn't the meeting will be held on Veterans Day).

Dave W1DAN, gave a status update on the club's W1SYE repeater. The repeater failed a few weeks back. Dave discovered that rodent dropping had been found inside the rack, so he replaced the repeater with a commercial unit and shipped ours to Bridgecom for repair. They found and corrected the issue, and returned the gear to Dave, who will test it, and swap it back in as his schedule allows. Dave notes that having a spare repeater might be a good idea.

Rowan WO1P is the RI Section Youth Coordinator and requested that the club continue to support youth activities like JOTA/JOTI and School Club Roundup (coming in February). Nancy reminded folks to be sure to vote for the ARRL New England Division Director. The election is being held electronically and voting information was sent to all RI members via email about a week ago.

The business meeting was closed at 7:46 PM. Jim Sammons, KA1ZOU, gave a presentation on Fox Hunting.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Beatty, WB4SON