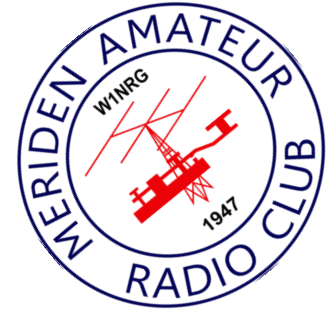


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## **GOLDILOCKS AND THE MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

In the children's tale of Goldilocks, a main issue revolved around the temperature of the Bear's porridge. One was too hot, one was too cold, and one was just right. The Bears, upon their return home, were appropriately annoyed at Ms. Locks, and they expressed their feelings to their unwanted visitor in no uncertain terms.

So, too, it is with the Business Meetings at the Meriden Amateur Radio Club. The February meeting ran for about 2 hours and 10 minutes. The Agenda was four pages and lots of members gave their input. After the meeting several other members released their electronic vitriol in my direction to show their annoyance at the length of the meeting. I received comments including statements that -----the meeting length was ridiculous; the meetings are way too long; many members have to go to bed by 9pm since they work the next day; some members have decided not to attend any more meetings since it is much too long and they will no longer participate; I liked it when in the past meetings ran for 15 minutes and then we chatted with each other over coffee like a club should; it's a hobby- it should be fun, and we don't need to discuss every net and rehash the same material; the meetings are so long there is never time for new business; we have multiple sites where reports can be viewed in Club forums and on the Reflector, etc., we can just skip over areas if there are no reports and members can read the information on-line, if they wish; we waste too much time chatting.

One member even timed the sections pointing out that roughly, a 5 minute designated discussion time ran to over 15 minutes; meetings should be 45 minutes max., etc. I am grateful for all the feedback. So, I have listened and as requested I truncated the meeting time to one hour MAX. In March I trotted it out and finished in 58 minutes --- and then the club voted to extend the session by 10 minutes to cover other issues. We skipped over several areas and although I achieved the designated end time, I felt issues were left undiscussed. Even 2 minute talks will add up with as many areas of club activity as we have at present. After the meeting, on one Net I heard members say they didn't mind they long meeting as long as it was radio-related material, and meetings should continue until all issues were addressed. All swords have two sides, and this club has multiple points of view, as well as swords.

I favor a participatory democracy. I feel strongly that club members have a **right to know what their club is doing**. A two hour meeting one a month does not seem excessive to me, but clearly it does to others. So, I consulted my inner Goldilocks and decided for April I will limit the meeting to 90 minutes 1930 – 2100 (7:30p – 9:00p) FIRM.

Perhaps this will be the "just right" porridge I so fervently seek-- perhaps not. I see club membership increasing and members becoming more involved in radio. Our current leader in this effort is Bob WB1GYZ, aka "flaps" who holds CW training classes. This is wildly successful. Should he be given 2 minutes to address his activities so that other less active club members can be made aware and join the group if they wish? Should WB1GYZ be relegated to a column in Key Klux, on the Forum, or the Reflector? Should we just say "email him for more information"??

I was voted in as your Club President in 2 free and fair elections. I have my views on MARC's potential for leadership and how it can provide the best amateur radio club experience for its members. We have been fortunate to have had about 50 new Hams join MARC over the past 1-2 years. We must be doing something right. Clearly for me a 15 minute business meeting is not very productive. Neither is assuming the membership should search out all the nooks and crannies where info can be listed. That, in large part, is what a club meeting is for. We are doing a lot and it takes time to talk about it. Regardless I will limit future meetings to **no longer** than 90 minutes unless the club votes to extend.

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I will try harder to be efficient and while encouraging comments, I will limit ramblings and off-topic verbal excursions. I think it can be done. I want all Club members to be aware of what is going on around them---that's my style. I do a lot for MARC and rely heavily on the support of so many members. However, if the membership wishes to return to 15 minute meetings with 45 minutes for donuts and coffee, they can vote to change the leadership in the Winter. That's the way it should be. I will continue to be sensitive to the Club members' diverse needs and opinions. I love this Club and want to keep it together and have it grow stronger. Forgive me if I burn my tongue or freeze my fingers while I try to find the magical "just right" porridge. It ain't easy, so please, Bear with me.

Ed W1YSM  
President MARC

**Business Meeting Thursday April 14 7:30 Zoom**

The April Business meeting will continue with ZOOM this month,, hopefully in May we will return to in Person/ZOOM "hybrid" meetings

The following will be nominated to membership of the MARC at the April meeting.....

- KC1QQV Gary Getrost
- KC1QQW Randy Whitehouse
- UT3UY Anatoly "Toly" Kirilinko
- KC1QWH Steven Rygel
- W2OFR Marc Dickson\*\*
- WB1DQT Bill Bacon
- Greg Ravizza

In addition we welcome back these former members

- K1SCI Stuart Isaacs
- N1MOB Dan David
- W9OTW Deb Foss( XYL to Dan N1MOB)

**I HAVE BEEN FORCED INTO AN APRIL QRP EDITION DUE TO UNFORSEEN ACTIVITES OUTSIDE MY HAM RADIO LIFE.....A FULL EDITION WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.....K1WJLEDITOR**





## Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club

**Bart Toftness N1BRL , Secretary**

### **BUSINESS MEETING MARCH B10, 2022 ZOOM**

Business Meeting March 10, 2022 via Zoom videoconference

Meeting was called to order by President Ed Snyder, W1YSM at 19:30 EDT

Normal introductions were omitted as all attendees (36) are self-identified in 'Zoom' , N1LES, N1BRL, KB1JL, KC1DOY, W1IKW, K1VDF, K1JCF, W1YSM, K1LYP, KC1OYN, WV2LKM, K1RCT, N1GNV, NZ1J, K1WJL, KE1AU, W1DQ, K1LHO, WB1GYZ, N1API, K1STM, N1ZN, KC1NQE, KB1MFU, W1EDX, KC1SA, KC1PBQ, KC1KQH, KC1QLS, WA1K, KC1HDB, KC1KQA, K1TDO, WA1EXA, KC1ISI and KE1AY.

**Announcements** (W1YSM), we will continue to follow the OEM occupancy rules as determined by the town.

Business Meeting will continue on Zoom for April with hybrid meetings coming soon. Saturday's at the OEM are still in-person. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banners are available and will be displayed outside the EOM when we are there. For other uses contact KB1JL. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coffee cups should be ordered by 15 March, KC1DOY. K1RCT has secured the 1x1 Special Event call sign W1N for use from Oct. 1 to Oct. 15. Nutmeg Hamfest will be 9 Oct. at the Best Western in North Haven. A new Activities Chair is needed by June 2022. W1KKF Memorial Celebration will be in early fall.

#### **Secretary's Report** (N1BRL)

February business meeting minutes were approved by majority vote. Four new membership applications were each approved by majority vote. Judy Wilkens W1BJG, Andrew Fiertek N1YLO, Jack Chapman WA1K, and Raymond Cirno KC1QLS.

**Treasurer's Report** (K1WJL) was read by Dave. The complete Treasure's report is available to members upon request.

**Station Manager's Report** (K1RCT) The Station Activity Manager skipped the reported on the club usage of the Zoom account but details are available upon request. The club call sign W1NRG was activated by N1API during the recent Ten-Ten QSO Party. A Special Event call sign, W1N has been reserved for use from Oct. 1 to Oct. 15 during our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. 2 quotes for professional updating of the club website have been received and he are awaiting a third. Antenna maintenance and repair is awaiting dryer conditions.

The full SAM report is available upon request.

#### **Standing Committees and working groups**

**Entertainment/Activities**, Upcoming activities include March 24, KC1NQE with a brief history of Amateur radio and April 28 A History of W1NRG. Tentative plans for May 26 are 'planning for Field Day'.

**Technical/Interference** had nothing new to report.

**Scholarship**, Scholarship announcements will go out to the five high schools in both Wallingford and Meriden next week.

**Publicity**, no report.

**Repeater Committee**, KC1SA investigated the possibility of adding IRLP to the repeater and found there was little interest and would involve significant additional cost so the issue was dropped.

**MARC Business Cards**, Contact N1BRL or KB1JL for MARC business cards or membership certificates.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, KC1DOY has provided a stand to display the banner outside at the EOM when occupied by us. The banner is also available for other club use by contacting KB1JL. Contact KC1DOY for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mugs. Plans are still undecided for the anniversary dinner which may be a BBQ outside at the OEM.

**The 'Diamond and Gold Challenge'**, ten members contributed logs for the months challenge. Details are on the Forum.

**Special Event Call Sign W1N**, will be available for use by club members from Oct. 1 to Oct. 15 by schedule.

**Contest Activations**: The next contest activation will be Field Day.

**Club Nets**, The 2 meter net has lower than usual participation as a result of the concurrent CW class.

**Castle Craig**, The vote to reimburse N1API, \$25 for the Ten-Ten International membership was approved without objection. The next event will be the Ten Ten Summer QSO Party.

**Boy Scout Event**, KC1OYN provided an update on the May 14 Boy Scout event.

**Website Committee**, K1RCT is developing a 'Best Practices Policy' for users of the club reflector.

**Saturday/Sunday Morning Activities**, Attendance to Saturday morning open house at the EOM is increasing along with the scope of activities. Fox Hunts continue on Sunday mornings.

**Instruction VE /Training**, VE sessions are scheduled for the second Saturday each month and are attracting ex-aminees from a wider geographical range.

**WARG/EMCOM/Aux Com**, Officers and others meet monthly with the town for planning. Plans to replace the doors are being budgeted.

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**Key Klix Dave**, K1WJL titled this month's KeyKlix in Ukrainian in recognition of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. An historical look back at some of the club members and events is a great read.

**Nutmeg Hamfest** will return on October 9 at the Best Western in North Haven following the COVID 19 hiatus.

**Old Business**, The motion to approve a \$150.00 monthly, renewable expense budget for the club president was approved. The president abstained from the vote, there were 10 'nays' and the other 22 voted to support the motion. Total club membership in attendance at the time was 33.

**New Business**, KB1EHE is rallying support for Ukraine, contact him for details. Members are asked to consider if they wish to continue with the 'December Year in Review Meeting' and a Christmas Dinner both in the December?

**Voting Summary for the March meeting**

February meeting minutes were approved.

4 new members were each approved without objection. W1BJG, N1YLO, WA1K and KC1QLS

Ten-Ten International, Castle Craig membership of \$25 was approved

A motion for a renewable presidential monthly budget of \$150 was passed by majority vote while the president abstained.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:32

Respectfully submitted,  
Bart Toftness, N1BRL

## THE NEW KENWOOD TS99900 CONTESTING TRANSCEIVER



**1500 WATTS (MICROWAVE)  
2.3 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR  
10 CUP COFFEE POT  
200 WATT PEP SSB\***

\*ACTUAL OUTPUT MAY VARY DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF APPLIANCES CONCURRENTLY RUNNING

# MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	22R	KC1OST	Bryon Heath	22R	NR1B	Bill Huggins	22S
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	22S	KC1OYM	Brian Boccuzzi	22R	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	22R
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	22S	KC1OYN	Ricky Becker	22R	UT3UY	Toly Kirilinko	22R
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	23S	KC1OYR	Brent Moyer	22R	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer	22R
K1LHO	Mike Ash	22S	KC1PBQ	Randy Rivest	22R	W1BOB	Bob Lobley	22R
K1LYP	John Yusza	23S	KC1PHK	Lincoln Nichols	Y	W1DQ	John Elengo	22S
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	23R	KC1PSK	Todd Dibiasi	22R	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk	22S
K1MVM	Mike Macri	22S	KC1PXX	Dave Alfredson	22R	W1IKW	Ian K. White	22R
K1PET	Debbie Purchia	22R	KC1QHO	Mike Beaudry	22R	W1BJG	Judy Wilkins	22R
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	23R	KC1QHW	Brian Beegan	22R	W1LV	Steve Morley	22R
K1SCI	Stuart Isaacs	22R	KC1QLS	Ray Cirmo	22S	W1POP	Fred Liedke	22S
K1SOX	Brian Freeman	22R	KC1QQV	Gary Getrost		W1RCI	Ron Isaac Jr.	22R
K1STM	Anne West	22S	KC1QQW	Randy Whitehouse		W1TK	Ron Wakefield	22R
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	22R	KC1QWH	Steve Rygel		W1UFO	Mike Cei	23R
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver	23S	KC1TAD	Tom DiPinto	22R	W1UKX	Greg Gherardi	22S
K1MTD	Mary Duval	22S	KC1PU	Bob Woodtke Jr.	22R	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	22R
K1VDF	John Blevins	22S	KC1SA	Stephen Allen	22R	W2OFR	Marc Dickson	22R
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	22S	KC2MLH	Adam Castracane	22R	W3APC	James Cook	23S
KA1KJV	Bob Trussell	22S	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	22S	W90TW	Deb. Foss	22R
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	22R	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	23S	WA1EXA	Mark Petruzzi	22S
KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	22S	KR1U	Bob Eslinger	22S	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	22S
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	22R	KX1USA	Rob Messercola	22R	WA1JKR	John Rogus	22S
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	22S	N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer	22S	WA1K	Jack Chapman	22R
KB1LWS	Jeanne Gherardi	22S	N1API	Al Kaiser	22S	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	22S
KB1MFU	John Ramadei	22R	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	21R*	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
KB1TJD	Gainne Jenkins	22S	N1BRL	Bart Toftness	23S	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	28S
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena	22R	N1FNE	Rod Lane	22R	WB1DQT	Bill Bacon	22R
KB1TTV	Jonathan Martin	26R	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	22S	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	22S
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	22S	N1GY	Geoff Haines	22S	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	22R
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	22S	N1HCA	Susan South	22R	WJ1B	Harold Kramer	22S
KC1GMD	Ralph Ring	22R	N1IBE	Wade Martell	22S	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	22S
KC1HDB	Jeff Martin	28R	N1JEO	Joel Curneal	22R	WY1U	Tim Mik	22R
KC1HQX	Preston Byrne	22R	N1LES	Joe Murray	22R		Greg Ravizza	22S
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson	22R	N1MOB	Dan David	22R			
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas	22S	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	22R			
KC1NLE	Jose Rodriguez	22R	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	23S			
KC1NQE	Shawn Warren	22R	N1QYB	William Wilecki Jr.	22S			
KC1OCF	Karl Polak	22S	N1XXU	Andy Purchia	22R			
KC1OGL	Paul Randazzo	22R	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena	22R			
KC1OMP	Damian Fries	21S*	N1YLO	Andy Fiertek	22R			
KC1OSR	Gunnar Steinle	22R	N1ZN	Jim Savage	22S			
			N2RTS	Tyler Schroder	22R			
			N2TAG	Dave Taglianetti	22R			

- The members with asterisk have contacted the treasurer and committed to retain membership.

### MEMBERSHIP STATS

TOTAL MEMBERS..... 107  
 REGULAR(UNDER65).....  
 SENIOR(65 & UP ).....  
 LIFE..... 1  
 STUDENT(18 & UNDER).....1

## SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE EOC HAVE RESUMED 9AM-12AM

### CLUB DUES STRUCTURE (JAN-DEC)

UP TO 64 YRS OF AGE--\$20/YR SENIOR DISCOUNT 65 & UP--\$15  
 ANY MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED HAM, 18 & UNDER WILL BE GIVEN FREE DUES.

## MARC OFFICERS

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W1YSM ED

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