



SCRAMS Meeting Minutes

5 January 2012

- 1) Meeting called to order by President Moxon (K1KRC) at 19:30 hours;
- 2) Attending member introductions and roll call conducted;
- 3) Approval of 01 December 2011 meeting minutes as written and submitted. Motion to accept by VP Carlough (N1WLI); seconded by Mike (W1MCT);
- 4) Adoption of Treasurers Report: Balance as of 01 December 2011...
\$2136.21 (inc.\$ 92.50 cash on hand)

Expenses: Monthly Bank Charge of:	\$9.50
a. Spare P.O. Box key;	\$9.00
b. Membership Mailing;	\$67.40
c. Total Expenses;	\$85.90
d. Income: Member Dues;	\$100.00
e. Patch Sale;	\$ 5.00
f. Total Income:	\$105.00
g. Assets: Cash In Hand;	\$88.50
h. Un-deposited Checks;	\$100.00
i. Bank of America account;	\$1966.81
j. Balance as of 05 January 2012:	\$2155.31
k. Motion to transfer primary bank account to credit union account to improve service to club account.	

Motion to accept by VP Carlough (N1WLI); seconded by Mike (W1MCT)

5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Communications:
 - I. New England Repeater Directory has requested information on repeaters. Publicly available, pertinent information has been forwarded accordingly.
 - II. ICOM –D-Star- ICOM has begun a factory preprogramming initiative on some radios for D-Star repeaters currently in operation and their locations, therefore aiding in more ease for new radio owners/ operators to get on the air more seamlessly.
 - III. A D Star “hotspot” has been installed at a site in Salem. K1CDG is the repeater call sign and is utilizing the frequency 443.400 (same as KD1STR, formally located in Westerly, RI. The Westerly D-Star repeater has been removed)

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IV. Joe (K1IKE) has requested volunteers to assist in current and future repeater maintenance. Mike (W1MCT) and Bruce (KB1KHC) have volunteered to assist as needed.

6. Repeaters:

- a. 2 meter (Groton and Fargo Rd Waterford) Refurbished TX/ RX to be installed at Groton site possibly on 01/10/12 and evaluated for reliability and functionality.
- b. 70cm(Fargo Rd Wtfd) and 6 meter analog (Vauxhall Wtfd) are operating normally and 220 repeater(s) at Hospital and Vauxhall site have no update at this time.
- c. D Star repeaters (Mystic): a pre amp will be installed on 70 cm band in January and an amplifier to be installed as well. Band as yet to be determined

7. Events:

- a. A Fox Hunt / Family Day is planned for May 26, 2012, Pavilion 1 at the Waterford Town Beach. Current cost is \$5/ car for Wtfd residents and \$7 for non-residents. PLEASE NOTE: These Fees, are subject to change pending town review of beach fees in February 2012. Chip, from RASON, scheduled to give presentation on Fox Hunts to the club in near future (possibly March/ April).

Also Chip is planning a Technician class in future. (date is TBD)

8. ARES/ Red Cross:

- a. Tom Scott (WA2RYV) is planning an open house and informational Awareness responsibilities required for voluntary Red Cross service pertaining to Amateur Radio assistance in crisis situation(s). A date for this event is yet to be determined. Tom was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at the January 2012 meeting for service to the club

9. Membership Report:

- i. As of January 2012 meeting, 21 renewals received to date in the two weeks since initial renewal application and newsletter was mailed.
- ii. Club Bylaws, Section 1 has been modified. These changes will be reflected in the revised publication of said by-laws forthcoming to club website. Motion to accept revised change by VP Carlough (N1WLI), seconded by Bruce (KB1KHC) on 05 January 2012

10. Old Business:

- a. Discussion on club awareness options opened; some suggestions to include request to local tourist destinations to include exposure of club and available frequencies for use while visitor is in local area. Mike (W1MCT) offered suggestion pertaining to public access programming as an addition to discussion. Suggestion by club to

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determine by March 2012 meeting as to where(s) and how(s), as well as a suggested budget for awareness/membership drive.

11. New Business:

- i. Discussion continued on enhancement of EOC, ARC and ARES support and awareness for club members and their families and what club membership can provide to state and local emergency management operations.

12. Other Business:

- a. Club Newsletter: discussion opened regarding frequency of hard copy distribution; suggested were either quarterly or semi-annually due to increasing printing and postal costs. Electronic format(s) would/ should be available on a more frequent basis if decided as such.
- b. Recent Classified ad placed in SCRAMS newsletter yielded positive results as the item offered for sale was quickly purchased by an interested buyer. Great ad, Dave (W1RED) and best of luck to the buyer with your new purchase.

13. Health and Wellness:

- i. Recent health concerns of Donna (KB1RPP) have reportedly been remedied at this point from future developments and she continues treatment on her road to recovery. Curt (N1TYU) recently had a medical procedure performed and is recovering. Best wishes to you both, as well as any members and their families currently recovering from or awaiting future procedures and events.

14. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2100 hours by Mike (W1MCT); Seconded by Bruce (KB1KHC)

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross Moxon (KB1TNP)