
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, December 16th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT in the First Floor Meeting Room. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

There will also be a VE Test Session held by the ICRC sponsored VE team starting at 6:00 P.M, also in the First Floor Meeting Room.

After a *short* business meeting, our annual Christmas party will be held. Please bring cookies, or whatever your favorite holiday treat may be to share. Beverages will be provided.

President's Message

There is no President's Message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date:	11-18-2016
Time Started:	7:30 pm
Time Adjourned:	8:29 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance					
KB1KZC	KB1RRR	NIJGR	K1JMC	KA1NDE	W1ZFG
AB1NH	KB1TBL	KC1ECT	KB1SNL	KB1WEZ	KB1VPY
KC1CWN	N1EZY	KB1YYG	K1HEJ	George	

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

President's Report:

The Club is in good shape. We hope to have a work party before the end of the year for maintenance on the 147.15 site, which would include painting the buildings and tower for the wind generator and possibly pruning some trees to provide more light for the solar panels. The parts to repair the wind generator have not come in yet.

Motion to Accept:	KC1CWN	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary Report:

The minutes from last month's meeting are in the *Time Out*, which each month is emailed to all members by Dan (W1ZFG). This month we will have our annual elections at the end of the meeting during new business. Copies of the election slate were available on the front table. A correction to the minutes was pointed out by John Chan (KC1JMC) who indicated that you do not need to be a registered A.R.C. volunteer to operate in the radio room – a volunteer just needs to be present.

Motion to Accept	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report:

Financially the Club is in good shape, and all bills are being paid. We have not yet heard from Winding Trails with regards to a club donation for the Fat Tire Classic – Dan will send them a letter. The Club did receive \$157 from Aetna.

Motion to Accept	KC1CWN	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin VP Report:

Jim (AB1NH) had nothing to report.

Motion to Accept	KC1CWN	
Seconded by:	KC1ECT	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech VP Report:

The 147.15 batteries lost power and therefore Rick had to put the repeater on commercial power – the first time in over a year. The solar panels are still working well. We have many spare parts in the 147.15 building. The packet antenna is wobbling and may come down in a strong wind – it needs to be fixed or replaced. The other antenna pole needs to be cut and capped to remove the rotten portion. We are hearing more digital activity on our repeaters as more hams (including non members) acquire the new digital radios. There has been noise on the 146.88 machine that appears to be another repeater. There is also a strange noise on the 146.685 machine that Rick will look into. The 440 machine is working great.

Motion to Accept	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

VE Report:

There were two candidates for Technician licensing – one passed (with a perfect score!). That candidate tried the General exam, and did not pass.

Web Master Report:

The webmaster was not present. Scott (N1EZY) will look into updating the website.

Old Business:

The By-Laws committee presented some changes to the By-Laws that had been voted on and adopted during the recent Board of Directors meeting. The list of changes was read to the members present by the Dan (W1ZFG) the committee chairman. The changes included elimination of the Honorary Life Member category (reverting to Honorary Member, with BRC Honorary Members grandfathered in) and criteria for maintaining the status of Honorary Member; qualifications defined for board members and officers; and change in the requirement of a Board of Directors quorum (to 51%).

Rick discussed the upcoming (2/11 and 2/12/17) Klondike Derby. We need about 15 hams with radios for the event. Be there at 6:30 am on Saturday so that you can be placed at your station on time for the start of the event. Rick also asked for volunteers to become involved in the scouting aspect of the Klondike.

New Business:

John Chan (KC1JWC) has completed the required courses to become an A.R.C. Volunteer and he now has the keys to the radio room. John provided an inventory of the radio room equipment and he led a tour of the radio room after the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KB1YYG	
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 2

Monthly Presentation

There was no presentation last month due to the annual election of Officers and Directors.

ICRC/BRC Sponsored VE Team

On the 3rd Friday of each month beginning at 6pm, the Insurance City Repeater Club/Bristol Radio Club sponsors amateur radio exam sessions at the American Red Cross in Farmington, CT. Walk-in examinees are welcomed. There is no need to pre-register. Examination fee is \$15 cash or check made payable to **ARRL VEC**. Please visit this link for information on what you need to bring to the exam session: <http://www.arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session>. More information is available by emailing our VE Liaison (Jim, AB1NH) at AB1NH@mindspring.com Good luck!

Bylaw Committee

A copy of the newly amended bylaws will be emailed to each member as soon as the master document has been updated.

Elections for Board of Directors/Officers

The meeting was followed by the annual election. The slate of Officers and Directors presented for election was as follows:

FIRST SLATE – FOR DIRECTORS

Nick Castrogiovanni – KB1SNL

Rick Castrogiovanni – N1JGR

Tom Chapman – KB1WEZ

Dave Laliberte – KB1TBL

Jim Livermore – AB1NH

Pete Paradis – KB1KZC

Steve Paradis – KB1RRR

Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN

Jon Fassen – KC1ECT

Dan Wall – W1ZFG

SECOND SLATE – FOR OFFICERS

President: Pete Paradis – KB1KZC

Administrative VP: Jim Livermore – AB1NH

Tech VP: Rick Castrogiovanni – N1JGR

Secretary: Tom Chapman – KB1WEZ

Treasurer: Dan Wall - W1ZFG

Before the vote was taken, Scott - N1EZY declined his seat on the Board for personal reasons. He nominated Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN as his replacement. Since there was no opposition from any member present, the Secretary (Tom – KB1WEZ) cast one vote for the First Slate of Directors as amended, and then cast one vote for the Second Slate of Officers as presented.

ICRC/BRC Net

On 8/23, a new net was started by John - KC1ECT on the 147.15 Burlington machine. The net meets on Sunday nights at 7:30 PM. The purpose of this net is to provide information about ICRC/BRC activities, Elmer advice and information, amateur equipment swap-meet, and general rag chewing. If you have any questions about ICRC/BRC activities, equipment you want to buy or sell, or anything about amateur radio in general, check in to the weekly net.

A.R.R.L Club Commission Program

Are you an ARRL member whose membership is about to expire? Are you a former ARRL member whose membership has lapsed for more than two years? Are you interested in joining the ARRL for the first time? If you can answer yes to any of those three questions, then you are in a position to help the ICRC/BRC. Since the ICRC/BRC is an ARRL Affiliated Club, the ARRL will pay us a commission for every member who joins or renews their ARRL membership thru the ICRC/BRC. Here is how it works: If you are a brand new member or your membership has lapsed for 2 years or more, the club will get to keep \$15 of your ARRL dues. If are renewing a current membership or if your membership has lapsed for less than 2 years, the club will get to keep \$2 of your ARRL dues. It will not cost you a penny more to participate in this program. It's a great way to get the club some extra money for doing something that you were probably going to do anyway. Just see Dan or Pete for a membership application or download one from the ARRL website, club section. Make checks payable to the ICRC/BRC and include "ARRL Dues" in the comment line. It's that easy!

National Parks on the Air



Following 2014's extremely successful Centennial QSO Party and W1AW Portable operations, the ARRL has announced its latest operating event. During 2016, the National Park Service will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To commemorate this event, the ARRL is sponsoring a year-long operating event. All amateurs are encouraged to contact various stations who will be operating from nation parks, national historic sites and monuments. Not only can you work these stations from your home station, anyone can go out and "activate" any of these sites themselves and become the station that everyone wants to contact. A complete list of sites is available on the website. There are several hundred locations listed, even some in the New England area. The event began on 1/1/2016 and will end on 12/31/2016. Already there have been numerous stations activating various sites around the country. The pile-ups have been sometimes quite large, showing how many people are interested in this latest operating event.

There are even several locations in the state of Connecticut. The Board of Directors will be looking into the possibility of having the club activate some of those sites a little later in the year (after it warms up). If you are interested in participating, let us know at an upcoming meeting.

For complete details, check out: www.arrl.org/NPOTA.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

For the latest Connecticut Section News, please go to the CT Section Web Page at: <http://ct.arrl.org/>

For the latest information, visit our website at <http://www.icrcweb.org>