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# Time Out

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## ***This Month's Meeting***

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, January 19th 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, there will be a presentation and discussion about the upcoming Boy Scouts Klondike Derby that the club will be again supporting next month. Please support this worthwhile event.

## ***President's Message***

No message this month.

## ***Last Month's Meeting***

<b>Date:</b>	<b>12-15-2017</b>
<b>Time Started:</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Time Adjourned:</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>

## ***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

<b>Attendance</b>					
AB1NH	W1ZFG	KC1CWN	NIJGR	KB1TBL	KA1NDE
KB1SNL	KB1RVU	KC1HBU	K1NFE		

Minutes taken by: Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN

### **President's Report:**

No report - President absent. Peter - KB1KZC hit bad weather delivering a boat to Florida.

(Temperature in Ft. Lauderdale = 77 deg. Temperature in CT = 7 deg!)

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>		
<b>Seconded by:</b>		
<b>Aye:</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>

### **Secretary Report:**

Time Outs are posted.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

### **Treasurer's Report:**

All bills are being paid.

The 2 new DR-2X repeaters are delivered, paid for, and the 2 old DR-1X repeaters shipped back to Yaesu.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1RRS	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Aye: 0</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**Admin VP Report:**

Need to do required work at .15 site in spring. Projects include painting 2 buildings, install wind turbine, and general upkeep. Volunteers will be needed. Scheduled date will be in spring. More info to follow as time gets closer.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1RRS	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**Tech VP Report:**

The 2 new repeaters are programmed. The process to link them digitally has been started. Frequencies for linking of the repeaters was applied for.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Aye: 0</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**VE Report:**

3 people took the test. 2 for Tech, and 1 for Extra. The Techs each had 1 wrong. The person who took the Extra test, passed. One new Tech tried for General, but failed. Congratulations to all.

**Web Master Report:**

He was unable to make the meeting, but did email his report to the board. Rick- N1JGR read his report into the record.

“Gained access to the email list management.  
Updated members email group to be current.  
Got the calendar working on the website again.  
Posted the latest Time Out for this month.”

Jim (KC1HWY)

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**Old Business:**

Boy Scouts Klondike Derby will be held in Ashford, CT. on February 3, and 4. This year it will have 2 divisions instead of the normal 1.

Rick will be attending a meeting with the scouts, they may change how the event is handled. More info to follow at next meeting.

**New Business:**

No New Business

<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

***Monthly Presentation***

There was nothing planned. The meeting was followed by our annual Christmas party.

Everyone enjoyed the tasty treats brought in by everyone.

***Yaesu C4FM Repeater Upgrades***

Work continues on the repeater upgrades. The third and fourth DR-2X Yaesu System Fusion repeaters were received. Two additional voice modules were also ordered and received. Our tireless Tech VP - N1JGR is now in the process of installing the modules and programming them for installation. One of the new machines will be installed at the .88 site in Bristol as the 440 machine. This unit will be linked to the .88 machine at the same location. The other machine will be installed at the .685 site on the Bristol/Burlington line. Linking between the other sites will require finishing our wireless network, probably not until spring.

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## ***New England Division Cabinet Meeting***

Twice a year, in January and July, the Board of Directors of the ARRL assemble in Newington for a Board Meeting. A week before these meetings, our New England Division Director Tom Frenaye - K1KI and Vice Director Mike Raisbeck - K1TWF host a meeting at a very nice hotel in Springfield. Officers from the various radio clubs in the New England division are invited to provide input to our division directors. This input is in the form of questions, comments, or concerns and is our opportunity to pass this information along to the full Board of Directors. Representing the ICRC were your President, Peter - KB1KZC and your Treasurer, Dan - W1ZFG.

Some of the concerns brought forth by the membership were about the proposed changes in the ARRL Articles of Association and Bylaws, ARRL Code of Conduct, and the Entry Level License Class.

A presentation on the rescue efforts in Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria was made by Mike - K1MJM.

## ***AmazonSmile Program***

The ICRC is now able to participate in the AmazonSmile program. This program allows anyone who makes purchases on Amazon.com to designate 0.5% of the purchase price to go to the club. (This is a charitable donation from Amazon.com and does not increase the purchase price to you.) Our Treasurer, Dan - W1ZFG, recently completed all the necessary paperwork to enroll the ICRC in this program.

To use this program, do not log into the normal Amazon.com website. You must log into a special website:

smile.amazon.com.

There you will be asked to select the organization that you want the donation to go to.

Search for: "Insurance City Repeater Club" and continue to shop as you normally would.

The donation is automatically deposited to our club checking account on a quarterly basis.

## ***ICRC/BRC Sponsored VE Team***

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:AB1NH@mindspring.com) Good luck!

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## ***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!

## ***Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary***

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

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