

MARPLE-NEWTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 7, 2018

BOARD: **President - Joe Gray (N3LMV)**
 Vice President – Harold Dalton (KC3IAN)
 Secretary - Connie Kester (KC3GPW)
 Treasurer - Sheila Gray (KB3TVK)

All Board members were in attendance with the exception of Sheila Gray. There were approximately thirty (30) members in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Joe Gray, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., welcoming all in attendance. Each attendee introduced himself/herself by call sign and name.

OFFICERS' REPORT(s):

The Minutes were read from the May 2018 meeting, and they were approved.

In Sheila's absence, Connie Kester announced that last month's balance in the account. The expenses for May were for the purchase of antenna supplies in the amount of \$71.35.

The Club would like to welcome two new members, bringing our total to eighty (80) members. Welcome aboard Kris Wroblewski and John Hucke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Thomas (KB3SUS) provided the call-in totals to the repeater for May, 2018. There were a total of 680 contacts in May, which represents an average of 24 check-ins per net. Our total for May in 2017 was 517, so we have increased our check-ins to the net. A hard copy of the statistics for the month/year was provided to Secretary, Connie.

Mike mentioned that we could use more volunteers to run the net. If anyone is interested, please contact him. The appropriate training and instructions will be provided to anyone who needs it.

Mike told us that ARES-Delco Emergency Services meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at the 9-1-1 Center. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and generally lasts about 1-1/2 hours.

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Vic Tenaglia (N3IO) stated that if ARES sponsors a class, he would be glad to teach it. A minimum of fifteen (15) people would be required. Mike Thomas has two people interested in obtaining their license. If anyone knows of someone interested in taking a class, please let Mike know. The classes, when held, take place every Saturday in the morning, for four weeks. On the day of the last session, the test is taken immediately thereafter.

Joe Gray stated that he inadvertently gave away, during last month's meeting, antennas which were Club property. Whoever has them is welcome to hold on to them, but is asked to please bring them along to Field Day.

It was suggested at the meeting that no one buy drones from Hobbyking. Apparently, they are selling non FCC-compliant drones which could transmit in unauthorized radio frequency bands. More information can be found on the following website:
<https://unmanned-aerial.com/fcc-proposes-fine-against-hobbykings-non-compliant-drone-devices>

FIELD DAY:

Speaking of Field Day.....it's right around the corner! It is Saturday, June 23rd and Sunday, June 24th at Drexel Lodge Park in Newtown Square, PA.

- Setting up the antennas will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 22nd.
- Equipment set-up will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.
- Communications will take place between 2:00 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday.
- Newly licensed ham operators (has had License less than one year), or anyone considered "inactive", can operate a radio if overseen by a mentor.
- There will be various refreshments provided by the club and brought to Field Day by various members at different times of the day.

AARL Rules for Field Day 2018 can be found on the following site:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2018/2018-Field-Day-Rules.pdf>

For those members who have recently received their license and never attended Field Day, feel free to check out this site for the basics:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2018/2018%20FD%20Flier.pdf>

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PRESENTATION:

John Dyckman (WA3KFT) spoke about last year's Field Day results. The Club had a total of 1,030 phone contacts and 273 CW contacts. We hope to exceed that this year! John touched on various points concerning Field Day and what to expect.

Jim Goldman (W3JG) then gave a visual refresher on the tips and tricks of logging information into the system for Field Day.

REMINDER:

The Club's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

- The 50/50 drawing was then held, and the winner paid.

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been conducted, the meeting was adjourned by Joe Gray at approximately 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

By: _____
JOE GRAY, President (N3LMV)
Marple-Newtown Amateur Radio Club

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***On behalf of all Board Members, see you in September and have
an enjoyable and safe summer !!!***