

NNYARA Meeting
March 16, 2022

Held via videoconference, 1900L

Chairman John KC2RMD opened the meeting at 1905.

Attending: John KC2RMD, Rocco WU2M, Paul W2POL, Dave WX2CIB, Tim Rapp K2TRR, Matt, KD2TBS, Rusty KE2PW, Bill K2LML, Pete KC2WI, plus attendees of Pete's licensing course.

Minutes from February 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's Report was presented with a balance of \$29.25, but progress has been made on recovering the former association's checking account. John KC2RMD requested the secretary mail a sympathy card to the family of former NNYARA Treasurer Claude WB2YDT (now SK).

Old Business

- Matt KD2TBS currently working on club application. Copies will be posted to Groups.io when approved.
- Please send any information on old NNYARA members or interest to club officers to be added to NNYARA mailing list.
- Matt KD2TBS reported that the organization would need an email address and to provide PayPal the association's bank account information and EIN information to create a business account (accept electronic payments).
- Group discussed NNYARA.org and what would be considered club information versus section information.

Hamfest/Junk in the Trunk

- Paul W2POL was designated the chairman for the **Junk in the Trunk** event and will coordinate finding a location and date for this fall. Rocco WU2M noted that we should take a hard look at the existing NNY (and surrounding areas) event calendar and pick a date that did not conflict.
- Attendees discussed group liability insurance and necessity of an organization (not an individual) to hold the certificate for the event. There may be a possibility that the insurance policy promoted by the ARRL would cover event liability insurance if requested by a club.

Section Manager Notes

- As clubs make final decisions on Field Day participation, please update the online ARRL Field Day locator tool.
- Dave WX2CIB has been appointed the new North Country VHF Net Manager.
- Most section-level appointments have been made and information is almost cleaned up with ARRL HQ and on ARRL website. There is still need for additional net managers and other section appointments remain open.
- Sending welcome radiograms, emails, and/or postcards to new licensees or those recently upgraded to remind them of local clubs and benefits of ARRL membership.
- Planning to contact those that dropped (or not renewed) their ARRL membership to see why they left.
- May 21 (after Depauville Hamfest) will be an in-person NNY Section meeting. NNY will have an ARRL presence at the hamfest.
- Next Section meeting will focus on reporting data for ARRL Affiliated Clubs and reviewing information that is outdated. Discussion on what it would take for the NNYARA to become an Affiliated Club.

Pete KC2WI joined the meeting with a group participating in a Technician Licensing Class. Attendees introduced themselves and shared their story of becoming an operator and what they enjoy about the hobby.

Other Discussion

- Tom WB2KLD suggested that for the first NNY operating event, the association might work in tandem with the established NY QSO Party and create their own "clean sweep" challenge for contacting an operator from each of the ten counties in the Section. We would need to have commitments from NNY stations willing to participate by May 1 in order to have enough time to promote the contest-within-a-contest.
- Membership should continue to be everyone's focus, and these meetings are open to all amateur radio operators to view and observe their proceedings; we are not a secret society. Please reach out to clubs in NNY and other potential members. We are walking, soon we will be running.

The meeting adjourned at 2008L. The next meeting will be April 20 at 1900L.

Submitted by:

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