

MARPLE-NEWTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING
Nov 7, 2019

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BOARD: **President - Joe Gray (N3LMV)**
 Vice President – Dick Klein(W3WXC)
 Secretary - Connie Kester (KC3GPW)
 Treasurer - Sheila Gray (KB3TVK)

All Board members except Connie Kester were in attendance. There were approximately thirty one (31) members in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Joseph Gray, called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m., welcoming all in attendance. Each attendee introduced himself/herself by call sign and name.

OFFICERS' REPORT(s):

Treasurer, Sheila Gray, provided updates on account balances and expenditures. Expenditure of \$14.79 for command hooks for the projection screen. There are pending deposits of 60.00 for 2020 membership dues and a check for \$100.00 outstanding – a donation to St Paul Evangelical Church for use of a room for Technician license training classes.

Mike Thomas gave an update on The Weather Net contacts: For October 2019 we had 639 contacts versus 554 in 2018 and 576 in 2017.

Current membership: 86 members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vic Tenaglia advised he had been in favor of the club putting together a VE testing team so that the club could have material on hand for a testing session, but this never came to fruition.

Joe Gray advised he and the Treasurer, Sheila Gray, will be resigning at the year's end. Nominations were solicited and the following people were nominated: President: Jim Goldman; Vice President: Dick Klein; Treasurer: Mike LeBrun; Secretary: Erin Farmer (Erin was nominated without pre-agreement, so we need to ascertain if she is willing to fill the position. Dick Klein will contact her to confirm.

Nominations can be submitted until the December, 2019 meeting. Voting will occur at that meeting.

Dick Klein read a communication from Jim Goldman stating that if he were to be elected as president of the club, he would need additional assistance from the club members for many functions. For example: maintaining the club website, storing the club equipment, meeting setup etc.

Michael LeBrun proposed that we move the MNARC meeting location to the Newtown Public Library, 201 Bishop Hollow Rd, Newtown Square PA. The advantages of making this move are: The room has the following features: Built in projector and screen, WIFI access, more modern facility with convenient ramp and bathroom access, access to a conference room for training when available, theatre type seating so that all are facing the screen for presentations. Differences from our current setup: the room is smaller, therefore table setup would not be possible; The library would like us to partner with them to involve the community in ham radio; unable to store any items on site (i.e. food cart). This proposal will be further discussed and a potential vote taken at the next meeting.

Joe Gray announced the following:

Technical License Training classes training classes resulted in 6 new hams obtaining their licenses.

SPEAKER/TOPIC:

- Merrill Mirman gave presentations on radio communications in the Aeronautics Industry
- The 50/50 was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been conducted, the meeting was adjourned by Joe Gray at 8:30

APPROVED:

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

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