



SCRAMS Meeting Minutes

6 October 2011

1. Meeting called to order by President Carlough (N1WLI) at 19:30 hours
2. Attending member introductions and roll call conducted.
3. Approval of September 1, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion to accept by President Carlough (N1WLI); seconded by Donna (KB1RPP).
4. Adoption of Treasurers Report: Balance as of 1 September 2011: \$2105.71
Expenses: \$-6.50

Income:	none
Balance as of 6 October 2011 (includes \$42.50 cash on hand):	\$2099.21

Motion to accept by Bruce (KB1KHC) ; seconded by Donna (KB1RPP).

5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Communications: A response from the Secretary of the State of Connecticut (SOS) has been received in regards to the incorporation approval of the reinstatement of S.C.R.A.M.S. as a business entity. This became official as of 20 September 2011 08:30hrs. Received by club at 6 October 2011 club meeting.
 - b. Harrison (W1HAF) reports that the previously mentioned tank maintenance has been performed and was completed sooner than expected therefore keeping repeater outage (for diver safety) to a minimum. Additional maintenance work scheduled for 2012 will require a longer duration outage. A possible remedy to this outage is a temporary relocation of repeater(s) for duration of repair. Some additional information can be found on the SCRAMS member WEB site. Also Harrison reports that regarding 146.67 and 448.975 repeaters, a delay on access on the access side is in place on these repeaters and the “squelch tail beep” has been discontinued to help reduce interference issues. This is done to counter transmit and receive cross triggering of repeaters in Orange County, NY. Those repeaters have the inverse of frequencies on their transmit and receive therefore causing a heterodyning condition and of note: the distance between repeaters are approximately 121 miles. Additionally, regarding the SCRAMS asset: the Cat 500 controller experienced memory problems after Storm Irene, it was reprogrammed and now appears to be operating properly.



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6. New Business: Appointments to Club Officer Election Committee have been conducted. Bruce (KB1KHC) and Donna (KB1RPP) have accepted their appointments to the committee by President Carlough (N1WLI). Also, President Carlough (N1WLI) has received from Mike (W1MCT) a club transmitter and crystals and this equipment has been brought to Joe (K1IKE) for repair and/or upgrade as needed. Club has decided to award Joe (K1IKE) with a SCRAMS Lifetime Membership for all his assistance to the club through the years. Motion made by Donna (KB1RPP) and seconded by Troy (KB1BVF). Christmas party hosting falls to the RASON Club this year, Bruce (KB1KHC) offers his assistance if and as needed. Donna (KB1RPP) forwards to club membership a job opening at Mystic Seaport Planetarium for a Manager position. Amateur Radio enthusiasts may have additional science and technology interests and this position may interest him or her. A reminder that Tri-City will have it's annual auction on Saturday October 29. All are encouraged to attend if possible. A S.E.T operation will also be conducted on this day as well. An additional reminder and request for staffing ARC shelters during emergencies is forwarded to the club and its membership.
7. Correction to September meeting minutes as follows: Beginning balance should read August instead of July and ending balance month should read September instead of August.
8. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2000 hours by Tom (WA2RYV); Seconded by Dave (W1RED)
9. A presentation on Diode Logic was conducted by Larry (K1KRC). Any club member who is interested in more information can contact Larry.