

# SCRAMS<sub>v1</sub>

1. Call to order on February 6, 2020 at 1900 hours EST, by Ross Moxon KB1TNP, President, at Training Room A of the Waterford Police Department, Avery Lane.
2. Members present:  
Louise Wallace KC0SFQ; Frank Hero, Ross Moxon KB1TNP; Larry Moxon K1KRC, Tim Rodgers KC1TWR; Josh Burke KOJEB; Harrison Fortier W1HAF; Ed Hogan KE1LV
3. Secretary's Report: January 2 meeting minutes were accepted as presented. (Louise KC0SFQ/Ed KE1LV)
4. Treasurer's Report: Louise KC0SFQ presented the treasurer's report. The club has \$672.28 in the checking account, \$2,585.87 in savings. Expenditures included PO Box rental, stamps, and gift cards. Gift cards will be discussed under new business. Giving Ed KE1LV a \$200 check to reimburse for club insurance. This had been approved at a previous meeting. Motion made to approve \$39.00 for income taxes. (Tim KC1TWR/Harrison W1HAF) Report accepted as presented. (Tim KC1TWR/Harrison W1HAF)
5. Membership Secretary's Report: Ed KE1LV reported that there are now twelve paid members and one life member for the 2020 year. Report accepted as presented. (Ross KB1TNP/Harrison W1HAF)
6. Committee Reports:  
ARES: Vinny KB1JDX sent an email ending the Region 4 DMR net that had been held the first Wednesday of the month. The O'Putnam, Vinny KB1JDX managing; and O'Niantic, Tim KC1TWR managing, events are coming up in March. Tim KC1TWR is now the DEC for CT ARES Region 4 after Vinny KB1JDX stepped down. Harrison W1HAF will check the Waterford EOC ARES computers and if not at Windows 10 will work with Waterford EOC to upgrade to Windows 10.  
  
Red Cross: Tim KC1TWR reminded that the Red Cross T4 will have their annual Disaster Institute from March 6-8 this year. On Sunday there will be a full day Disaster Services Workshop, including ARES.  
  
Technical: Josh KOJEB reported he was contacted by Mike Tucker W1MCT that the Norwich 146.73 repeater is currently "useless". Based on this Josh shut down his Echolink connection between the Groton 146.67 repeater and NA1CN Echolink to the 146.73 repeater. Harrison W1HAF noted that Computer Automation Technology, Inc. (makers of CAT 1000 controllers) decided to close their business effective October 31, 2019. Harrison W1HAF is still working on moving the Groton repeater equipment out of the secured room into an adjacent room. Harrison W1HAF proposed changing 146.97 repeater from analog/digital to full digital and adding a MMDVM (Multi-Mode Digital Voice Modem board), PiStar Board, and a Raspberry Pi to allow the digital mode to handle any of the modes such as DMR, C4FM, DSTAR, P25, or NexGen. Total cost about \$150.00. He suggested locking on C4FM. Motion made and passed to continue discussion at the March meeting. (Josh KOJEB/Larry K1KRC). Josh KOJEB and Harrison W1HAF may have papers showing how digital would be tied in and coverage.
7. Old Business: Ed KE1LV now has the club renewal letters and will be sending them out shortly.
8. New Business:
  - a) Ross KB1TNP reported that at the NE ARRL Director's Meeting a new ARRL Mentoring Guide is now available.
  - b) Ross KB1TNP reported that during the last month a scam was performed on the club. The club

officers, minus the president, received an email supposedly from Ross requesting that \$500 in donations, through gift cards, be made to certain charitable events. The emails looked very legitimate, unlike most scam emails. The emails used first names, proper English, call signs, etc. The treasurer thought she was performing her duties as treasurer and did purchase and send the gift card information. Shortly after, Ross KB1TNP was made aware of this and started damage control. The perpetrators after receiving the initial amount were requesting an additional \$1000 which did not happen. The Waterford Police Department, the club Credit Union, Amazon (through whom the gift cards were purchased), and ARRL were contacted. The Waterford Police did a search and determined this was a highly organized scam group apparently based out of Pennsylvania. Amazon has asked the club to open an account so that it could officially do an investigation and if money can be refunded it would have to go into a SCRAMS Amazon account. If a bank account is required for the Amazon SCRAMS account, it will be a separate account from the club's normal Credit Union accounts. Motion made and passed for Louise KCOSFQ and Ross KB1TNP to make the separate account if needed. (Larry K1KRC/Harrison W1HAF)

c) Josh K0JEB noted that the club call sign, W1NLC managed by Harrison W1HAF, is up for renewal in August.

d) Ed KE1LV noted that there is a yearly requirement to perform an audit of the club finances.

e) Ross KB1TNP noted it is time to revisit the bylaws to see if they need to be updated.

f) Tri-Fold Brochures – Ross KB1TNP passed out printed examples of the tri-fold brochures with the proposed layout. Larry K1KRC stated that the proposed material would be 100-pound glossy stock. 1,000 copies would be \$163.00, so the unit price would be about 18 cents each. 5,000 copies would be \$335.00, which brings the unit price down to 8 cents per each. Ross KB1TNP and Larry K1KRC will meet with the RASON and Tri-City presidents to propose the tri-fold brochure to them to take back to their respective clubs for discussion.

9. Adjournment was at 2126 EST.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 1900 hours EST. Waterford Police Dept. Training Rm A.

11. Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers KC1TWR, Recording Secretary