

BARC January 2009 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Wayne, WB2S. He introduced several new faces: Charlie Schell, KC2TTY and Stephen Bianchi, a non-ham. Issac was a visitor once before and now wants to take his Tech exam.

Minutes of last meeting (November 2008) were read and approved.

There was no treasury report as Jerry, WA2YMR, was absent.

Old Business:

Paul, K2PL, was reminded to research 'multi-multi' category available in contests for a possible participation by the club.

Wayne and Jerry visited a possible site for Field Day: 3rd House. They liked it and reported that 3rd House fulfilled several of the criteria looked for: faces west, room for a tent, public access, and bathrooms. They had spoke with parks department head.

New Business:

Nat, N2NEI, thought someone should list the club meetings with the ARRL NLI eNews. Wayne asked Burt, KA2L. He declined so Wayne said he would do it.

Martin, KC2SWB, and Wayne reported on Sky Warn classes given in Nassau County.

A short discussion about Wi-Fi being supplied by Cablevision in Southampton and East Hampton and did anyone think this may cause noise on the bands. It was also noted that the SCWA was now in the process of installing "wireless" water meters and that may be a problem.

It was pointed out that the BSA mentoring program seems overly complex and the form long and near not available.

MS-150 and Hampton Marathon dates are still unknown. Burt will email Hampton Marathon people again.

An idea came up to teach CW classes. There seemed a general positive reaction among those present. Another license class at the EHHS is still not confirmed.

Paul reported that one of the club's benefactors, Peter, WB2TBF, had died. Several months ago the club had voted life-time membership to Peter to show gratitude for his early donation and help.

Nat reminded those East Hampton HAMs that they could walk into the Town's Human Recourses Office for a photo-ID card.

Eddie, KC2TGD, gave a Power Point Presentation about WINLINK 2000. It showed how Winlink worked under adverse conditions and its flexibility in using both HF and VHF/UHF under emergency conditions. Eddie has started building a 'WINLINK node' at the Montauk Firehouse. If there is a Scouting Merit Badge for public service communications, Eddie should get one.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

Attendance: Wayne, WB2S; Burt, KA2L; Cliff, N2GYI; Rod, NU2M; Nat, N2NEI; Eddie, KC2TGD; Isaac; Martin, KC2SWB; Paul, W2PL; Charlie, KC2TYY; Jim, KC2IXD; Al, KC2PRS; Ken, KC2TJK; Tony, KC2PRN; Bob, KC2KUL; Stephen Bianchi; Harvey, KB2YEK. (17)

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