

Secretaries Report, January 15th, 2009

The January meeting/belated Christmas party was held at the China Rose in Brunswick.

Those in attendance were: Arlene J. Hutchinson, KB1EHN; Keith Bachelder, N1QDF; Stephen Laguex, KB1HBD; George and Kay DRisko, KB1AQE; Dick Knight, N1NYw; Virginia Knight, N1NYV; Martin Engstrom, N1ARY; Dan Engstrom, KB1FIG; Carol Inman, KB1KDX; Gary Daigle, KB1GBD; David Hawke, KQ1L; John Goran, K1JJS; Jim McIrvine, N1IPA; Dot Burgess, KB1OGR

1. For Starters, John Goran, K1JJS discussed some awards that he was going to be handing out.

2. The Secretary's Report was read and accepted,

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4. John Goran took the bull by the horns at the meeting and as a club we decided to Make some much needed changes.

First up was the Student Assistance Fund. All the research for the last few months, (many thanks to John Goran and Bill Crowley by the way) leads to the fact that setting up an actual scholarship has a variety of legal implications that would make it decidedly difficult to deal with for a club of our size. It is better to deal with the excess club finances on a case by case basis. George mentioned calling it an award instead of a scholarship. We voted and Accepted the new plan.

5. Lee mentioned dropping the Family and Associate memberships and charging \$15 dollars across the board with a possible newsletter surcharge of \$10

6 We also discussed converting all memberships to start on January 1st and ending December 31st, Marty was concerned with the extra work load, and as we thought about it we determined that there might be actually less work.

7. George Drisko made it known that he would prefer a \$5 surcharge on the YARN instead of \$10

8. We discussed the Editorship of the yarn

9. Dave Hawke, KQ1L discussed the origins of the club and how some of our changes that we are effecting now actually worked for the club in the past.

10. We discussed potentially offering a fresh licensee a one year cycle of membership.

11. At this point we decided that we needed to make these changes for the benefit of the club. We decided to make the transition January 1st 2010

A. Eliminate Family and Associate membership, everybody pays \$15 across the board.
Accepted

B. Changing due date of membership. everybody pays in first quarter of the calendar year.
Accepted

C. Surcharge for Newsletter is \$5 and member can opt out and only receive the E-mail version. *This is subject to change depending on postage and processing fees.

D. Any new ham, confirmable with a license receives a free membership to the Yankee Club for the remainder of the calendar year.

Everything listed was voted and accepted individually.

12. Dave asked for \$150 to register www.yarc.org for the next 10 years. we voted to allow this.

13. Next meeting will be at Crystal Falls on Feb 21st.

73's Dan Engstrom, KB1FIG