



EASTNET PACKET NETWORK

Business Meeting Minutes
Date: June 19, 2021

Officers:

Brian Webster N2KGC

Ted Jansen K1YON

Don Gouin K1CMM

Office:

President (elected)

Vice-President

Secretary, Pro-Temp

Attendance:

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Attendees:

Emil WA2UPK	Brian Webster N2KGC	Chris WW2BSA	Brian Rogers N1URO	Glenn Allison N3MEL
Jack Fisher K2JXL	Jeff Archambeault AJ2A	Lew Fisher N2RQ	Pat WB2CMF	Warren Whelan WB2ONA
Wayne Burkett Sr. KA1VRF				

Visitor: none

Meetings are held via the Zoom platform.

Our Last meeting was January 30, 2021

Our next meeting: Sept 10 @1900

Meetings will be Quarterly: Sept ??@1900, Dec 11@0900, Mar ??@1900 2022, June 11@0900, 2022

(Note: please refer to new business on page 4.)

Our Vice President, Ted Jansen, K1YON opened the meeting at 0900 with welcoming remarks.

1. Introductions by Attendees.

Ted Jansen	K1YON	East Hartland, Ct. 06027
Don Gouin	K1CMM	Portland, Ct. 06480-1083
Brian Rogers	N1URO	Unionville, Ct. 06085-1056
Jeff Archambeault	AJ2A	Hadley Hill, Ny.12835
Brian Webster	N2KGC	Cooperstown, Ny. 13326
Pat Allocca	WB2CMF	Farmingville, LI Ny. 11738
Jack Fisher	K2JX	Huntington, LI, Ny. 11743-3579
Lew Malchick	N2RQ	East Meadow, LI Ny. 11554
Warren Whelan	WB2ONA	East Brunswick, Nj. 08816-3828
Chris Lance	WW2BSA	Hackettstown, Nj. 07840
Glenn Allison	N3MEL	Downingtown, Pa. 19335
Wayne Burkett Sr.	KA1VRF	Vero Beach, Fl. 32962
Emil Vandevide	WA2UPK	Englewood, Fl. 34224

2. Secretary's Report:

No Report:

Questions: None presented.

Motion to accept report made by:

Seconded by:

Motion Carried

3. Network Reports:

Connecticut:

Current Operations:

Ted, K1YON Reported on operations at his QTH. His site is functioning ok.

Brian, N1YON, reported on operations at W1EDH. W1edh seems to have low audio on 2m and 220 and overmodulation on 440.

N2NOV, 44 net IP Coordinator?

N9LYA – link to N1URO ?

Action:

Brian: Will visit the site for testing and repair by June 30th.

P.S. On June 30th the deviation and Frequency was checked on the 2m, 220, & 440 equipment. The 2m & 440 were close; the 220 (link to N1URO) is on freq. All 3 radios have a +-5khz @ 1200 baud.

While checking the three voice repeaters were also checked we noticed a digital repeater keying almost continuously on 438.61 interfering with the signal from K1YON. Don will check on the source of this signal.

New York:

Current Operations

Brian, N2KGC; Reported on Southern Ct to Long Island; Possible link from West Haven "Jay" to N4GAA.

KC2FTD Needs trouble shooting.

W2RGI Update working ok

N2KGC Cooperstown working ok.

KP3FT Otsego County working ok.

KA2AON Oswego County working ok; South link to K2QQY; West to WA2EMO and south to WA2AAZ – need testing.

Bill, AC2GC, status K2PUT Putnam County node unknown. Sysop not present at meeting.

Action:

Brian N2KGC

KC2FTD node needs trouble shooting. Complete by Sept 30th.

N2PKB - 220 radio antenna realignment by July 31st. (220 link to k1yon)

K2DLL - Saratoga interference, KE2PW Rusty working with Warren County group for relocation on new tower - fix by Oct 30th.

NC2C Cherry Valley - testing a new possible link on 220 to west (KA2AONB) by Oct 30th

No Call yet, Bristol NY, new location with link east and west with a user port, complete by Sept 30th

K2PUT needs site visit. Date for visit unknown at this time.

LI, New York:

Current Operations

Pat- WB2CMF, Jack- K2JX, Lew -N2RQ Reported on the Long Island links. WA2PNU is up and working. (no links yet). 440 and 220 at East Meadow site (W2KPKQ) needs work.

Action:

440/220 will be tested in the next few weeks; plan to fix by Sept 30th.

John Wilson, KD2AKX, Massapequa Park, Ny 11762 needs access to Medical Center for W2KPKQ site.

New Jersey:

Current Operations:

Warren, WB2ONA working good.

need voice test between New Haven (N4GAA) and Huntington, LI (WA2PNU) on 440 @ 9600.

Chris Took over the BBS/Node at Schooley Mountain, formerly known as N2QAE.

Looking to raise antenna on the tower and have Flexnet Node working again by end of September 2021.

Linking radios and beam antennas on 223.680 and 223.480 are functioning. Currently running a

mailbox: WW2BSA-1 Many thanks to Warren and Pat for their help. Big thanks to David WB2FTX for being a packet networking elmer!

W2LI node is still up. (Please note)

WA2SNA – I am a member of this very small club. Currently working out paperwork to reconstruct their tower.

Node is still working as far as I know.

Action:

Warren/Pat; WB2ONA/WB2CMF; voice testing from N4GAA to WA2PNU completed by end of August.

Chris WW2BSA to N2QAE complete by Sept 30th.

Pennsylvania:

Current Operations:

My apologies Glenn, I don't seem to have notes from your input on Pennsylvania operations.

Per Ted, **we are looking for sysops and node sites.**

Florida:

Current Operations:

Emil WA2UPK Reported on the Florida network. Need site visit at N4FLA, Clermont.

Actions:

Emil; Orlando (WA2UPK) to Clermont (N4FLA) link fixed by July 30th

4. Network Expansion

Chris; As a member of the WMARA (White Mountain Amateur Radio Club) where I donated a KPC-3+ to be installed on Mount Washington for APRS/Winlink operations, my goal as a member of their club is to eventually get an EastNet Packet Node up there as well.

5. EastNet concerns:

Chris; While I acknowledge the important contribution that Brian Rogers, N1URO, makes and how much the group relies on him, I am concerned about the web site, user group and file server abruptly shutting down on October 30, 2020. I was wondering what we can do so that it won't happen in the future.

6. Suggestions:

Don; Suggested Chris retain the network system backup he has for EastNet.

Following discussion Chris agreed to keep online and donate the www.eastnetpacket.com as well as the eastnetpacket groups.io group as a backup and to make the appropriate edits to maintain it current.

Chris; I think if sysops can submit a brief written report ahead of a scheduled meeting to the Secretary, there would be less writing for you!

Don; Receiving reports would be very helpful in putting the minutes together and more importantly it would give us an agenda to follow that is current (not a month behind) and make the meeting very productive.

6. New Business

Election of Officers

Ted, Vice President led a discussion concerning the Officer Position vacancies and ask for volunteers to fill the President's and Secretary's positions.

Brian, N2KGC, volunteered to fill the President's position.

Ted, N1YON, volunteered to continue filling the position as Vice President.

Don, K1CMM, volunteered to remain the Secretary, Pro-Temp, until a member volunteers to fill the position.

A vote was taken from the Members present and carried for all three positions which run for two years.

Meeting Schedule

Ted, Vice President led a discussion concerning the scheduling of future meetings. Following the discussion, the members decided to meet once every calendar quarter alternating Fridays at 1900 hrs. and Saturdays at 0900 hrs.

P.S. It has been suggested we change the Friday zoom meetings to Thursdays at 1900 hrs.

PLEASE let Brian W., Ted, and Don know if this acceptable, ASAP so we can adjust the dates.

7. General Information:

Chris; I voluntarily host the Nationwide Amateur Radio Packet Directory Map found on www.ww2bsa.org. If any Eastnetpacket members want their nodes, mailboxes, gateways, BBS listed or need corrections to, please contact me: ww2bsa@arrl.net
Member of EPARA (Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Association) and The Central Susquehanna Technical User Group which is very active on 145.010 and 145.030 and 145.050 Mhz.

Brian; N1URO; There was a node at Dartmouth college years ago which linked to a node that was on Mt. Ascutney in Vt. Ascutney linked into WMASS but the W1TOM group shut down.

8. **Next Meeting:** Refer to MEETING SCHEDULE above.

9. **Adjourn:** 1200 hrs. noon.

Note: As the above tasks get completed please send a report of the results to the Secretary so the information can be sent to the other members of EastNet.

Respectfully Submitted
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