EASTNET
PACKET NETWORK

Business Meeting Minutes
Date: June 19, 2021

Officers:  
Brian Webster N2KGC  
Ted Jansen K1YON  
Don Gouin K1CMM  

Attendance:  

Office:  
President (elected)  
Vice-Präsident  
Secretary, Pro-Temp  

Attendees:  
Emil WA2UPK  
Brian Webster N2KGC  
Chris WW2BSA  
Brian Rogers N1URO  
Glenn Allison N3MEL  
Jack Fisher K2JXL  
Jeff Archambeaut 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  
   Don Gouin K1CMM  
   Brian Rogers N1URO  
   Jeff Archambeaut AJ2A  
   Brian Webster N2KGC  
   Pat Allocca WB2CMF  
   Jack Fisher K2JX  
   Lew Malchick N2RQ  
   Warren Whelan WB2ONA  
   Chris Lance WW2BSA  
   Glenn Allison N3MEL  
   Wayne Burkett Sr. KA1VRF  
   Emil Vandevide WA2UPK  
   East Hartland, Ct. 06027  
   Portland, Ct. 06480-1083  
   Unionville, Ct. 06085-1056  
   Hadley Hill, Ny. 12835  
   Cooperstown, Ny. 13326  
   Farmingville, LI Ny. 11738  
   Huntington, Li, Ny. 11743-3579  
   East Meadow, LI Ny. 11554  
   East Brunswick, Nj. 08816-3828  
   Hackettstown, Nj. 07840  
   Downingtown, Pa. 19335  
   Vero Beach, Fl. 32962  
   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 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.

   **L I, 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 (W2KPQ) 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 W2KPQ 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 filer 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](http://www.ww2bsa.org). If any Eastnetpacket members want their nodes, mailboxes, gateways, BBS listed or need corrections to, please contact me: [ww2bsa@arrl.net](mailto: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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