



EASTNET PACKET NETWORK

Network Sys Op's

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2022

Officers:

Brian Webster N2KGC

Ted Jansen K1YON

Don Gouin K1CMM

Office:

President (elected)

Vice-President

Secretary, Pro-Temp

Attendance:

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Meetings are held via the Zoom platform.

Our Last meeting was Thursday, March 10, 2022

Meetings are held Quarterly:

Our next meeting: Saturday December 10th @0900 hrs.

Mar 10@1900, June 18@0900, Sept 8@1900, Dec 10@0900

Note: Please put the meeting dates on your calendar.

1. Attendees.

Brian Webster	N2KGC	Cooperstown, NY. 13326	
Ted Jansen	K1YON	East Hartland, Ct. 06027	(AFA1SK), Hartland, EMD
Don Gouin	K1CMM	Portland, Ct. 06480-1083	
Pat Allocca	WB2CMF	Farmingville, LI Ny. 11738	
Wayne Burkett Sr.	KA1VRF	Smithfield, RI. 02917	(Vero Beach, Fl. 32962)
Charles Hargrove	N2NOV	Staten Island, NY. 10310	
Jim Kutsch	KY2D	Morris Town, NJ. 07960	
Nicholas Butler	N4BUT	Orlando, Fl. 32804	
Brian G. Pasternak	KA3VSP	New Castle, DE. 19720	
Matt T. Atwood	WE1H	Merrimack, NH. 03054	
Rachid Karroo	3B8FP	Castel Curepipe, Mauritius	(Indian Ocean Island)
Miroslav (Miko) Skoric	YT7MPB	Novi Sad 21102, Serbia	
Andrew N. Pepper	K1YMI	Little Falls, NY. 13365	
Jeffery J. Archambeault	AJ2A	Hadley, NY. 12835	

1. Opening remarks by Presiding Officer

Brian Webster, N2KGC opened the meeting at 0900 hrs with welcoming remarks.

2. Visitor (s) / Guest Speaker (s) by Presiding Officer

Following his opening remarks, Brian introduced our guest speakers Matt Atwood, W1EH from Hew Hampshire, and Brian Pasternak, KA3VSP from Delaware.

3. Introductions by Attendees.

Following Brian's opening comments, the Attendees introduced themselves with their name, call sign, location, and shared their thoughts concerning their area of responsibility. Our special attendees were Rachid Karroo, 3B8FP from Mauritius on an Indian Ocean Island, and Miroslav (Miko) Skoric, YT7MPB, from Novi Sad, Serbia.

4. Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report:

Reading of the previous meeting minutes was limited to questions for the Secretary. The Secretary inquired of the Members whether they had received the copy of the minutes sent to them via e-mail.

Questions / Changes: None presented.

Motion to accept report made by: Seconded by:

Motion

5. Network Reports:

Region I

New England:

Current Operations:

From WB2CMF

N1XTB:

Updated new IP address and is now working again on Netrom. No known issues on RF. Debugged and upgraded to latest version of RMS Winlink gateway software. Once again operating. Only known issue is winlink gateway is not showing up on the Winlink Map. This is probably due to outdated Python version. This may be a little harder to upgrade.

Flexnet links are not working. (Note that flexnet is not on this node). Reason unknown.

FBB bbs is working and forwarding NTS traffic to KA1VSC (instead of N1URO).

From K1YON

The CT report for nodes/links follows:

K1YON----W1EDH OK

K1YON----KA1VSC OK

K1YON----WA2PNU 220 link connects for a few hours a day. Only method to get bulletins to WA2PNU

K1YON----K2PUT DOWN We really need to do something here. Down for close to 3 years

Region II

New York:

Current Operations:

From KE2PW

The URONODE at my house is functioning reasonably well most of the time.

The K2DLL node in Saratoga County is giving me problems with the user port. A TNC failed and I replaced it, but it only lasted a couple days. The link to Homeland Security is still being worked on.

The N2MNT node (Fultonville) needs an antenna changed .

I need to get to the Stamford node(N2PKB) and change the call sign. It seems to be working okay.

From N2KGC:

The link between WA2EMO to KA2AON is still not working well. This isolates the KA2AON and K2QQY nodes from the network. I have a radio to try and Link KA2AON to NC2C on 220. I need the time to get to the site.

All other nodes in my area are working fine.

From WB2CMF:

W2KPQ:

No repair work has been done at the Medical Center.

2 Meter user channel OTA due to Audio Cable Problem

220 Antenna still waiting for replacement

440 - no suitable link stations

Overall: Waiting for Covid concerns to subside before entering the medical center. Now summer heat may be an issue.

WA2PNU:

Fully functional. Partial link to K1YON on 223.680. Link is established usually

during night time hours, enough to transfer bulletins/mail. May consider changing frequency to 223.560 to clear overloaded channel with NJ nodes.

Still no 9k6 link on 434.960. Still no other functional links to CT.

WB2CMF:

Fully functional, mostly on netrom, one RF user channel on 145.070 part time.

Netrom links to N2KGC, KE2PW, N2NOV-7, KA1YZC, KA1VSC, WB2ONA and N1XTB.

Flexnet Netrom links to KA1VSC, N2KGC, WB2ONA.

FBB forwards to KA1YZC, KA1VSC

As for Lakehurst, I sent an email to (can't recall his name at the moment) several weeks ago to see what the status was. I made him aware that there were interested parties that live close by that wanted to help. He said the site was not immediately available to access and that he was trying to arrange a trip to the site. This was at least a month ago and I have not heard anything more.

New Jersey:

Current Operations:

From WW2BSA

Schooley Mountain Report

The Schooley Mountain Node, formerly N2QAE, is finally working but only on the bench. This site is still a work in progress.

Overgrown vines were removed in the Fall and temporary 2 meter antennas installed. However, the town is currently revamping the tower site with new equipment and an FD backup repeater. New coax for the amateur radio equipment will also be installed.

Region III

Pennsylvania:

Current Operations:

No current report on Pennsylvania operations.

Last Report was: (Per Ted, we are looking for sysops and node sites.)

However, Brian, Charles, and Jim talked about plans to get someone to setup a station to link into Pennsylvania's EPQ.

Region IV

Florida:

Current Operations:

From WB2CMF

There's been no further movement with the Florida site. Last I talked with Jim, Ted and I was suggesting that maybe the easiest way for W4MLB to get back on the net would be for Jim to setup a node at his home and then RF link to W4MLB. Jim now has a 44 IP allocation. I offered to build a node for him but he indicated that he did not want another PC. He really would like a Raspberry Pi setup because it's quieter and smaller than a PC. Couple with not fully understanding IPIP and not really getting specific answers, I suspect he may have put everything on hold. Ted should be able to tell us more.

From K1YON

EastNet Node/Link Status in Florida

W4MLB----WA2UPK OK Affirm

W4MLB----W4OT OK Affirm, and W4OT is stable since installation of the new UPS and motherboard battery

W4MLB----W4AKH OK Negative

W4AKH user radio and backbone radios are offline from approx. six days ago. Monitoring, I cannot RX either one. Of course, this suggests either the PC has shut down, or the radios' PS has failed in some way. John KK4SHF is much closer to Rock Road, and he or another club member will have a look ASAP. I am out of town for one week so cannot attend the problem.

W4AKH----K4PKT OK Negative

This link is down due to the above - W4AKH being offline. Users of the Digi to SLC EOC Packet Winlink cannot connect, and K4WOF < = > WB4MOZ cannot link RF.

I believe the K4PKT side in Palm Beach County is ok. The downside of having just one RF link North-South across W4AKH is being realized

WA2UPK---N4FLA DOWN Affirm

6. Presentations / Additional Network reports

We extend our special thanks to Brian, KA3VSP, for his presentation on operations in Delaware, Matt, WE1H for his presentation on operations in New Hampshire, Miko, YT7MPB, for his presentation on operations in Novi Sad, Serbia and Rachid, 3B8FP, for his presentation on operations on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. The presentations were excellent and very enjoyable and interesting. Again, thank you Gentlemen for taking your time to attend our meeting. Please join us often.

7. New Business

Renumbering of 44 Net Ip address' by county as the result of N1URO's node being taken out of service needs to be completed.

8. General Information:

Nothing additional..

9. Next Meeting: Refer to MEETING SCHEDULE above.

10. Adjourn: 1150 hrs.

Note: As the above tasks get completed, please post them to EastNet's Io-Grp so the information will be available to the other members. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted
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