NPARC ZOOM BUSINESS MEETING #28

Date: Monday, June 28, 2021. Time: 7:30-8:45 PM Local Time. Zoom coordinator: W2PTP

Attendees (18)

Members: K2AL, KC2DSH, KD2EKN, AC2GL, K2GLS, KC2HLA, W2IOC, N6JIV, KD2JRI, KD2ONY, KC2OSR, W2PTP, WB2QOQ, N2TO, W2UDT, K2UI, KC2WUF, K2YG.

Discussion Topics:

- 1) Club President W2PTP started the Zoom Meeting at 7:40 PM.
- 2) The main topic of the meeting was for members to talk about their Field Day experiences:
 - K2YG operated 1E QRP, with solar charged batteries. Dave made 360 CW contacts from his home QTH with an Elecraft K2. Dave also powered his laptop with a battery/inverter. (Required if the transmitter is keyed by a laptop.)
 - K2AL also operated 1E QRP with an Icom-705 with solar charged batteries and made 331 contacts, mostly CW. Al also showed some photos of his setup.
 - W2UDT made 28 Q's operating 1D.
 - K2GLS operated 1E with generator power and made over 200 digital contacts, many on 6 and 10 meters.
 - N6JIV operated portable from his nephew's porch with an End Fed wire antenna that he assembled as a kit from the ARRL.
 - W2PTP operated 1D with FT4 as primary mode of choice.
 - KC2OSR operated 1D and in the true spirit of FD, invited and mentored several Club members that are new hams, KD2VZA and KD2SND.
 - KC2WUF operated 1D and made 341 contacts, mostly digital (FT4 and FT8) and presented a map of sections worked and score summaries.
 - W2iOC operated 1D from his Montville QTH and made over 70 phone contacts.
 - KD2JRI stated that Tri-County was 3A at the Watchung Reservation and made over 2000 QSO's. Billie also spoke to several local visiting officials regarding FD facility use and mentioned Snyder Park in Berkeley Heights as a possible location for NPARC FD.
 - KD2ONY and KC2HLA participated in the South Plainfield ARC (NJ2SP) FD despite the rain and some gusty winds.
 - W2PTP reminded members to add "New Providence ARC" as the club in the ARRL on-line FD submittal so your score can be added to the aggregate club score FD results.
 - K2AL stated that all scores, even if only a few contacts, should be submitted as 50bonus points are added to your score for submitting your score via the ARRL site.
 - 3) Eric, KD2ONY, spoke about his concerns regarding the upcoming \$35 ham license application fee.
 - 4)Next NPARC Zoom Meeting: Monday, July 12 at 7:30 PM. Peter, W2IRT will give a talk on the NJDXA W2 Incoming QSL Bureau.

The Meeting was closed at 7:45 PM by W2PTP. (Minutes by K2AL, Secretary, 6/30/21)