



EASTNET PACKET NETWORK

Network Sys Op's

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2022

Officers:

Brian Webster N2KGC

Ted Jansen K1YON

Don Gouin K1CMM

Office:

President (elected)

Vice-President

Secretary, Pro-Temp

Attendance:

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Attendees: 12

Visitor:

Meetings are held via the Zoom platform.

Our Last meeting was December 11, 2021

Our next meeting: Saturday June 18th @0900 hrs.

Meetings are held Quarterly: Mar 10@1900 2022, June 18@0900, 2022, 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	
Mark Phillips	NI2O	Wayne, PA 19087	
Lee P. Kornillieff	KB1NAL	Norwich, Ct 06360-1612	
Matt Webster	WA1VSC	Glastonbury, Ct 06033	
Nicholas Butler	N4BUT	Orlando, Fl, 32804	
Betsey Doane	K1EIC	Shelton, Ct 06484-2448	

1. Introductions by Attendees.

Brian Webster, N2KGC opened the meeting at 1902 hrs with welcoming remarks. He expressed sympathy for the loss of our fellow Ham and Member, Brian Rogers, N1URO who is now an SK. Although Brian was a difficult collaborator at times, he had a big heart for Amateur Radio and especially for wireless packet. He willingly traveled distances to assist other members and associates in getting their systems up and working. He provided equipment and modifications to it when required, many times at his own expense, and throughout did his best to keep the EastNet network functioning so all of us could enjoy it. He was a warehouse of knowledge when it came to digital communications and applied that knowledge to all aspects of his life.

Following Brian's opening comments each Attendee shared his/her thoughts concerning EastNet's future with the majority agreeing that the network hardware and software, and our approach to the overall operation of the system, should be made to accommodate all modes of digital communications over the wireless network while meeting all of the restrictions the regulations require

2. Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report:

Reading of the previous meeting minutes was limited to questions for the Secretary. It is assumed the Members have read the copy of the minutes sent to them via e-mail.

Questions: None presented.

Motion to accept report made by: Seconded by:

Motion

3. Network Reports:

Region I

Connecticut:

Current Operations:

Ted: Reported that k1yon to w1edh is working ok. W1edh to n1uro is ok.
Round trip time is long at times to K2PUT, and 9600 link not hearing.
Reported on the St. Police system, W1SP nodes, and simplex running on X1J4 system.
And mentioned Matt, KA1VSC, in not in the TelNet file.

Lee: discussed the KA1BSC St Police Pkt system, mentioned he is 40 miles from W1EDH.

Rhode Island:

Current Operations:

Wayne: Reported he will be back in R.I. at the end of the month; he is an E.M. Member in Northfield; uses the W1SP system into Brockdon, gets into W1EDP, NIURO digipet; he also mentioned he needs help with the TNC and software setup and that he has used a raspberry-pie unit.

Region II

New York:

Current Operations

Brian: Reported he has been visiting sites assisting the SysOp's. He also talked about APRS, WinLink usage and mentioned that Flex-Net needs a 6-Pack and that X-Net is Flexnet capable and will run on the Ras beery-Pie. He also discussed the use of Flex-Net in the backbone and NetRom for the frontend. He also mentioned the KA1VSC is a new node in Connecticut and will increase the network. He also discussed close-source info not being available and the TNC software mentioning that 1200 baud is fast enough for the system.

Mark Phillips, NI2O: Suggested we re-think how we are networking. The packet TNC we use died in 1993 and lacks internal memory; Pkt should be a USB unit that plugs into the radio.

Up-State New York:

Brian: No Changes. K2PUT no update, made a visit to the site, has six antennas and six radios, he also discussed WinLink,(the e-mail system, no bulletins, chats, etc.) and it uses bulk mail lists which can be a problem.

Western NY:

Looking for a hi pwr 220 radio. That will connect eastern and western locations.

Rusty is working on the K2DLL node,9600 baud rptr.

The N2PKB site has open port to the west linking to the west ok. The 220 port is working ok

Andrew, k1YMI reported his station is working and stable. .

Lower New York:

Brian: discussed the connections into New Jersey. Noted that the 44net will work on wire and wireless systems and that the routing grid numbers need to be changed in Connecticut.

LI, New York:

Current Operations

Pat discussed his work on connecting to Eastern New Jersey which included information about W2PKQ, installing a 10 element 220 beam pointed at W2LI, PNU is still up and running but no links to it, very little packet usage but more digipet usage.

New Jersey:

Current Operations

Jim: Reported on Hf Pactor 3 connectable with 44 net; FBB Node; Netrom; items not showing up in the Node's List and using W1LI backbone for speed.

Brian: Suggested the backbones run on FlexNet. Several members voiced agreement with Brian.

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:

Ted, AFA1SX: Reported Nick found bad P.S. in Orlando. Will visit Claremont with Pat to ck the 220. W4MLB not connecting to the internet. Tested it two weeks ago unsuccessfully; will test it again next Friday. Jim thinks it is a firewall problem. Pat reported it could be an internet problem in the box, the YiFi modem, or the fiber. Version won't pass the protocol thru their system so using a Hotspot could be a problem. Mark suggested a cell phone Trouble. Ted also asked about getting bulletins and updating the 44 Net address'. Brian or Jerry will be providing the bulletins and Charles explained what is required to update the address'.

Pat explained that W1EDH doesn't have internet access on the site. It was handled via wireless to N1URO and his connection to the internet. He suggested we route the internet connection through Matt's node in Glastonbury as Ted's system is not working which will be looked at when Ted returns to Connecticut next month. Charles is reassigning the 44 Net address' by county

7. New Business

Renumbering of 44 Net Ip address' by county as the result of N1URO's node being taken out of service in the near future..

8. General Information:

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9. Next Meeting: Refer to MEETING SCHEDULE above.

10. Adjourn: 2137 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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