

COUNTRY POND AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – 27 FEBRUARY 2023

🕒 Meeting was called to order at 19:02, Mr Gilberti presiding

PRESENT: Mr Carr (K1WDZ), Mr Cronin (KC1RWN), Mr Dunne, Mr Gilberti (W1PAG), Mr Leduc (N1IX), Mr Lighty (N1AAI), Mr Maciel (AK1P), Mr Marzolf (KC1RWJ), Mr Pellerin (KC1EOU), Mr Thorusen WB6CBQ), Mr Veroneau (KC1KJN), Mr Zarba (KB1Z00).

REPORTS

➤ J-POLE

Mr Gilberti reported that Mr LeBoeuf is still waiting to hear from people about ordering parts and material to build J-Pole antennas.

➤ 2m NET

Mr Cronin reported that the 2-meter Net went well, that he used his Baofeng handheld while leaning out the window, that he used a script for the NET protocols, and that Mr Carr had the strongest signal.

The 2m Net is held on the second Thursday each month, using the Derry repeater (K1CA, 146.850) at 19:00.

Mr Cronin was “volunteered” to be the permanent Net Controller.

➤ LICENSE EXAM SESSIONS

Mr Gilberti reported that the next licensing session is scheduled for 21 March.

➤ FLEA MARKET

Mr Gilberti reported that the New England Vintage Electronics Club will hold a flea market on 5 March, from 08:00 to 13:00, at 58 Enterprise Rd in Windham.

➤ RADIOGRAMS

A discussion on Radiograms was held, resulting in a plan to have a demonstration on the subject at the next meeting.

➤ ARRL FIELD DAY

Mr Gilberti reported that Mr Nishina has volunteered to coordinate the 2023 Field Day, which will be held the weekend of 24-25 June.

Current plans are for four transmitting stations, one of which will be a satellite tracking station, plus a GOTA station.

Mr Veroneau will lead the Food/Refreshments Team and Mr LeBoeuf will ramrod the Power Team. Mr Fenelon has not yet volunteered, but is expected to coordinate the Antenna Team.

➤ BALLOONS

A discussion was held on mylar balloons being tracked and shot down.

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➤ **LOGS**

A discussion was held on Station Logs, their history, and current usage.

➤ **QSL CARDS**

A discussion was held on QSL cards, their history, and current usage.

➤ **FIELD DAY PUBLICITY**

Mr Cronin raised the question of promoting the Field Day event with the Boy Scouts, local schools, and local newspapers. Mr Carr will consult with Mr Nishina on an event flyer.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr Cronin made a Motion, seconded by Mr Zarba, to start all future meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Motion passed.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:46

Respectfully submitted,
John Carr, Secretary