

COUNTRY POND AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – 27 MARCH 2023

🕒 Meeting was called to order at 19:01, Mr Goodwin presiding

PRESENT: Mr Carr (K1WDZ), Mr Cronin (KC1RWN), Mr Dunne, Mr Fenelon (KC10UY), Mr Gilberti (W1PAG), Mr Goodwin (W1DLG), Mr LeBoeuf (KC1NNE), Mr Lighty (N1AAI), Mr Maciel (AK1P), Mr Nishina (KB1MZO), Mr Thorusen WB6CBQ), Mr Veroneau (KC1KJN), Mr Zarba (KB1Z00)

A moment of silence was held in memory of Mr Desautel.

REPORTS

➤ MEETING MINUTES

Mr Carr made a motion, seconded by Mr Gilberti, to waive the reading of the Minutes. The Motion passed.

➤ VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Gilberti reported that the last exams session was attended by five students, with three passing the Technician Exam and two passing the General Exam, and one student passing both.

➤ MONEY

It was announced that all Radio Group funds would be handed over to the Club Treasurer, in accordance with other Club activities.

➤ ARRL FIELD DAY

Mr Nishina is coordinating the 2023 Field Day, which will be held the weekend of 24-25 June. Mr Fenelon will ramrod the Antenna Team, consisting of himself, Mr Lighty, and Mr Carr. Current plans are for three antenna towers – one 50 foot and two 40 footers – with splitters to hook up four transmitting stations. Teardown of the antennas will only take place on Monday, 26 June.

➤ HAM SHACK

Discussion was held as to whether a large open-front closet for equipment would be more feasible than a room, as an actual room would severely limit the number of people who could participate at any one time.

➤ RADIOGRAMS

Mr Gilberti gave a presentation on Radiograms.

➤ QSL CARDS

Mr Maciel gave a presentation on the QSL system, QSL cards, their history, and current usage, along with examples of cards from his past.

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➤ **BOSTON MARATHON**

Mr Gilberti reported that he would be working the Boston Marathon.

➤ **CALL SIGN**

Mr Gilberti reported that he has applied for a new shorter Group Call Sign due to complaints from the CW aficionados.

➤ **2m NET**

Mr Cronin reported that the 2-meter Net went well, but that we need more input.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:23

Respectfully submitted,
John Carr, Secretary