

St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

ARES net 4/3/23 2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, KC3RWE-Brad, AC3CU-Neil, N3AK-Jon,
N2OMC-Rob, KC3UCB-Anthony, AC3FE-John, KC3PFF-Shawn,
W3OST-Rick, KB1YZ-Jim

Chris opened the meeting at 2300Z hours. With a short recap of event taking place. He mentioned the MDC winlink test to take place this month. It is a P2P exercise utilizing HF, as well as winlink and any other means that might be available during a disaster. He then polled the members that were checked in as to their preference of trying to work the exercise, their capabilities, and if they had tried to enter in the exercises earlier.

Brad – So far he states that he has only used winlink using telnet. He is ready to learn how to get more involved and learn packet and P2P.

Neil – I have tried to enter into the exercises in the past. I have tried to hit the indicated stations that accept P2P traffic, but have had no success. I have even tried to use an digipeter, but couldn't access it.

Jon – Had nothing to add, he has not tried P2P but would like to learn.

Rob – Hasn't had much success either. He has FT8 up and running and has tried WJSTx, but with little success.

Anthony – He learned from a friend the DMR has a frequency where a person can listen to the storm reports as they come in. There is no transmit back on these frequencies, they are for listening only, for out of area listeners.

John – Has no experience but would like to learn.

Shawn – Has had some luck in using winlink. Would like to learn more. He is going to activate a park this Saturday at Newtown Neck State Park at 0800 local hours. All are welcome to come and participate or just socialize.

Rick – Has limited winlink use and would like to learn more.

Jim – Has equipment from earlier times and hasn't had much luck in the present. He would like to learn more.

Chris is looking to a meet and greet somewhere near the end of April, just to get together and go over programming and any other issues that members may have.

Meeting ended at 2340Z hours.