

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 04/05/17

ATTENDANCE: 55 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney	KB1MTW Paul Moss	N1SOM Jeff Tracy
K1JMA Joe Amorelli	KB1OEQ Ron Stundze	WG1L Jim O'Rourke
KB1MJL Al Marshall	WD1L John Nelson	N1COP Bob Woodbury Jr.
WK1D Jeff Ayres	W1OD Steve Cohn	W1JDG John D. Ginsberg
W1JGR John Ruppel	KC1EFT Alan McPhee	N1STV Steve Cote
KC1JRA Gary Silvia	KC1ACF Mark Vess	N1IQI Loren Pimentel
AG1B Richard Metcalf	KC1FZ George Davis	N1OYH Carl Davis
W1AEM Matt Kane	KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwell	KC1FZI Joe D'Antonio
KB1MOC Kevin Dykes	WA1TOM Tom Luckman	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KA1CQD Fred Sanford	WA1MAD Mike Davis	KC1FWV John Barbour
K1RFB Rich Piantoni	KC1GEO Justin Seggelin	KV1SMC Stephen Cavey
N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann	W1MBH Scott Mitchell	KA1KIJ Bob Azanow
K1UFO Billy Robinson	W1GTZ Paul DeLory	KD1X Ryan Merck
W1AY Brad Wilson	N1MAG Wayne Galvin	KC1GMN Bill Healey
KC1EFF Randy Mills	WA1BEE Allen Hiltz	KC1ALO Don Wettergreen
KA1KHJ Dennis Kelley	KB1QMX Dave Beauvais	W1ACO William Hart
KC1BEA Karen Hart	W1AZU Heather Massey	W1GQN Jim Havens
K1XRB Peter Q George	K1WGU Bob Bass	W1AKN Jack Buckley
N1ISS Mark Sullivan		

Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:03pm 04/05/17.
A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an attendance roll call.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the March 2017 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the March 2017 meeting notes were published in the March 2017 Spectrum newsletter available on the club website. Motion to accept the March 2017 meeting notes as published made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Health & Welfare report by **Elayne KB1IKH**.

Elayne reports a 'Thinking of you' card was sent **John Coombs WQ1L**. Elayne also reports a sympathy card was sent to **John W1JDG** regarding the very recent passing of his step-mother.

New members:

Jeff N1SOM and **Joe K1JMA** presented new member applications in good standing for the following:

- **KC1GMN William Healey**
- **KC1GEO Justin Seggelin**
- **N1MAG Galvin Wayne**

Motion to accept as a new member made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club folks!

Net Control for April 2017

- April 9th : **Larry W1VP**
- April 16th : **John KC1FWV @ CranLand**
- April 23rd : **Ross W1EKG**
- April 30th : **John G. W1JDG**

Old Business

- **Joe K1JMA** informed everyone that 30% of the club membership has still not paid their 2017 club dues. Joe encouraged all who have not paid, to please do so asap. (note: dues checks can be mailed to: Post Office Box 48 Whitman, MA 02382. Club membership is \$25/yr. Please include your callsign on the check-thx)

New Business:

- **Ross W1EKG** announced he will have NEAR-Fest tickets for sale soon. The price this year will be a \$10 entrance fee & \$10 for inside parking. When available, a club wide email blast will be sent out. Joe asked who has the (2) early entry passes? It was noted **John WI1G** has one pass. The other has been lost.
- **Joe K1JMA** asked for volunteers going to NEAR-Fest to help setup and take down the clubs tables, the equipment for sale and the large tent. **Joe K1JMA** volunteered on both Friday and Saturday. **Mike WA1MAD** and **Mark KC1ACF** volunteered to help with take down. More volunteers are needed. Please speak to **Joe K1JMA**, **John WI1G** or **Paul KB1MTW** to help out.

- **Ross W1EKG** provided an update on the Go-Kit symposium he is planning. New locations (and dates) are now being considered for this event. More info will be provided when available. (note, post meeting, June 17th seems to be the new date for the symposium. More details to follow when available)
- **Mark KC1ACF** provided an update on the Field Day event. Mark has not signed the contract with the Bridgewater YMCA yet for use of their fields but plans to do so tomorrow or Friday (April 6th or 7th). Mark will also confirm placement of signs on the YMCA property up to 1 week prior to the event. A general discussion took place on sign options. The 'sandwich' board sign stored at the clubhouse was mentioned but needs painting etc. to be usable. **Joe K1JMA** asked for volunteers to work on the 'sandwich' board to make it usable for this and other events (repainting, etc. needed). No volunteers came forward so Joe volunteered to do this. Also mentioned was possibly contacting **Jack Foley N1BCE** for his expertise on the matter. Joe K1JMA volunteered to speak with Jack. Mark also discussed his plans for again hosting a welcome center under his canvas tent near the lower pavilion. A general discussion took place on if & how we might also establish a GOTA (Get On The Air) station at the welcome center. **Jeff N1ZZN** informed us of additional rules the ARRL specifies for GOTA stations. It was decided to address this at the next club meeting after the rules have been reviewed. **Jeff N1ZZN** offered to contact the Whitman/Hanson Express newspaper to have our Field Day event listed with other community events.
- **Steve W1OD** inquired about the food budget for the Field day event. A general discussion took place with a motion to appropriate up to \$400 for food & supplies made by **Ron KB1OEQ** with a second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion passed quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** asked for volunteers to help Steve with the food preparations. **John WD1L** and **Larry W1VP** volunteered to help. **Paul KB1MTW** confirmed the grills will be transported to the Field Day site and will have filled propane gas tanks. Steve also reminded everyone of the Saturday 1pm VE session during Field Day. **Mark KC1ECF** also informed folks **John W1JDG** has again volunteered to be our Field Day safety officer.
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone that club officer nominations should be done at this April meeting and the May club meeting. Nominations for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary are needed. Also one board member position will become available and should also have a nomination. Nominations for **Joe K1JMA** (President), **Paul KB1MTW** (Vice-President), **Jeff N1SOM** (Treasurer), **Larry W1VP** (Secretary) and **Mike WA1MAD** (board member) made by **Brad W1AY** with a second by **Ryan KD1X**. Motion passed quorum vote.
- **Jeff N1SOM** presented details on Jacket, T-Shirts and Polo-Shirts from Rockland Athletics:
 - Jackets: \$49.50 (S-XL), +\$2 (XXL), if quantity >6 ordered, \$48/ea
 - T-Shirts: (quantity 20 or more) \$16 with club logo, \$20 +name and callsign

- Polo Shirt: (quantity 15 or more) \$20 with club logo, \$24 +name and calls
- **Joe K1JMA** contacted a different vendor for comparison purposes:
 - Jacket: \$45 (S-XXL), +\$3 (XXXL) includes club embroidery + name/callsign
 - Jacket w/hood: \$50 (S-XXL), +\$3 (XXXL) includes same embroidery
 - Ball caps: \$10 & \$15 w/club logo
 - A \$60-\$65 setup fee is also required
 - Also simple 1-color t-shirts with club logo on the front: \$6, +back logo \$8
 - A general discussion took place regarding these options. Mike WA1MAD asked about club vests.
- **Joe K1JMA** started a general discussion regarding installation of our 2 meter repeater antenna at our current repeater site. It was decided to table the idea for now and open the topic up again at a later time.
- **Paul KB1MTW** decided to auction off his ARRL Hints & Kinks book. High bid went to **Jeff WK1D** for a \$25 donation to the club.
- **Joe K1JMA** started a general discussion on the topic of moving the club to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based on a discussion at a recent executive board meeting. Federal and State filings must take place & the club bylaws must be appended for this to take place. Additional changes such as raising the club dues were tabled for the time being while the 501(c)(3) details and bylaw changes can be investigated. **Joe K1JMA** and **Jeff N1SOM** explained a fundamental advantage of being a 501(c)(3) is our ability to accept donations as a non-profit organization and the inherent tax advantage to those who donate to the club.
 - **Mike WA1MAD** suggested **Jack Foley N1BC** might be of help in understanding the advantages of becoming a 501(c)(3)
 - A true non-profit/501(c)(3) can also receive business donations (ex: Stop&Shop food donations) and would have sales tax exclusion. **Ryan KD1X** suggested checking on a non-profit discount on rented space used by the club.
 - Other related topics included **John W1JDG** suggested a new Life membership club option be considered if/when re-writing the club by-laws to bring in cash to the club.
 - Motion to start the club bylaw update process to become 501(c)(3) compliant should the decision to move forward with the 501(c)(3) be made in the future made by **John W1JDG** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. **John W1JDG** volunteered to help with the club bylaw updating.
 - **Billy K1UFO** suggested the current club bylaws be made available for all club members (via our website) as many club members are not familiar with these.
 - **Dave KB1QMX** suggested consulting a local attorney when the time is right.

- **Bob N1COP** suggested retaining a CPA for the 501(c)(3) transition. Bob also had suggestions for handling the 501(c)(3) investigation and transition through a smaller set of folks setup in a committee.
 - **Jeff N1ZZN** asked about the membership fee if attending any one of Ross's training classes. **Joe K1JMA** addressed this and indicated this policy will no longer be in place.
- It was announced the South Shore Repeater Associations 147.300Mhz repeater in Weymouth is up and functioning.
 - **Gary KC1JRA** President of the Wingbusters flying club announced an open house on June 4th 9am-3pm, at their flying field and invited the Whitman club to attend. Gary mentioned a Model-T club will also be attending.
 - **Ross W1EKG** indicating he will be starting an Extra level training class very soon on Tuesday nights at the Whitman police station.
 - **John KC1FWV** suggested started an Elmer program. (John is scheduled to talk about his ideas for this at the May club meeting)
 - **Dave KB1QMX** noticed on one of the Whitman-Hanson cable access channels, a technician training class by **Eric KB1FHS**
 - **Paul KB1MTW** reminded everyone the club has several towers and parts for sale. Also **Bill N1FRE**'s tower needs to be taken down at some point as well.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Mark KC1ACF** with a second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Joe K1JMA adjourned the meeting at **8:30** pm, 04/05/17

End Secretary's Report

