

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 11/01/17



Paul Moss KB1MTW V. President **Larry Kenney W1VP** Secretary **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** Treasurer **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** President

ATTENDANCE: 45 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney	K1JMA Joe Amorelli	KB1MTW Paul Moss
N1SOM Jeff Tracy	KB1OEQ Ron Stundze	WK1D Jeff Ayres
KB1MJL Al Marshall	W1MBH Scott Mitchell	W1OD Steve Cohn
WD1L John Nelson	KB1IKH Elayne Tovet	W1JT Jim Tovett
WG1L Jim O'Rourke	N1MAG Wayne Galvin	N1FRE Bill Hayden
N1IQI Loren Pimentel	N1OYH Carl Davis	KC1FZ George Davis
AG1B Richard Metcalf	KA1CQD Fred Sanford	KC1HLX Alan Pillsbury
KC1FZI Joe D'Antonio	KB1PFL Jim Madden	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KD1X Ryan Merck	JC1JET Jim Tynan	KA1DTA David Rezendes
W1JGR John Ruppel	KA1KIJ Bob Azanow	WA1YKF Warren Dickie
K1XBR Peter Q George	K1WGU Bob Bass	N1PAU Paul Leavitt
W1GTX Paul DeLory	W1JDG John Ginsberg	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
KB1OEP Mike Supple	N1CFB Chris Babbitt	W1IG John Murphy
WA1MAD Mike Davis	KB1FBA Bob Mahoney	WA1BEE Allen Hiltz
KA1ESN Rob Fisher Sr.	WA1TOM Tom Luckman	W1AEM Matt Kane

Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 11/01/17. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an attendance roll call. Club member **Al KB1MJL** asked for a moment of silence for those involved in the recent NY tragedy.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the October 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 October 2017 meeting notes were published online on the club website. Motion to accept the October 2017 meeting notes as published made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Ryan KD1X**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Elayne reports a sympathy card was sent to **Alan Smallhoover N1MXH** for his recently deceased wife Sue.

Paul KB1MTW provided a brief update on the condition of **John Coombs WQ1L**, now in a local rehab facility. Cards from members can be sent to Johns home address listed in the club roster. Paul also mentioned an effort to get John a 2M radio & antenna while in rehab. **Richard AG1B** indicated he may have a mag mount antenna he could loan to John.

Net Control for October 2017

- **November 5th** **Mike KB1OEP**
- **November 12th** **Ross W1EKG**
- **November 19th** **Jeff WK1D**
- **November 26th** **Joe K1JMA & Larry W1VP @10am from Plymouth**
- **December 3rd** **Jeff N1SOM**

New Members:

- **Jeff N1SOM** and **Joe K1JMA** presented new club membership applications in good standing for **Paul Malloy W1GFB** and **Alan Pillsbury KC1HLX** to the club membership. Motion to accept the new members made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the club Paul and Alan!

Old Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** thanked everyone who attended NEAR-Fest recently and volunteered their time and efforts supporting the Whitman Club. Joe mentioned \$231.75 in tables sales took place.

New Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** directed everyone's attention to samples of club jackets hanging at the front of the room. The samples, in various sizes and colors, were from a different vendor than the one used in the past for club jackets. Members were able to examine and try on the samples after the meeting. If there's enough interest in ordering jackets, Joe will arrange this at the December club meeting. **Ross W1EKG** inquired about club T-Shirts? Joe is investigating club T-Shirts and hats for the spring.
- **Joe K1JMA** informed everyone that he is engaging with the Plimoth Plantation management in order to confirm our use of their facilities for our annual Thanksgiving weekend special event. It was noted **Jeff N1ZZN** had the event details listed in the December QST magazine with the **N1X** callsign (for this year and next year). Assuming our use of the Plantation is approved, the antenna/station setup will be Friday November 24th, with folks meeting at 10am in the lower bus parking lot. **Paul KB1MTW** will be coordinating the equipment pickup at the quonset hut earlier that morning. Operations will take place from 9am-3pm on Saturday and Sunday November 25th and 26th. Take down will begin at 3pm on Sunday.
- **Joe K1JMA** announced this years Whitman club holiday dinner will be Friday December 8th, 7:30pm at Jamie's restaurant, located at the rt 27/18 intersection in Whitman. Please let Joe know if you're interested.
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned the committee investigating the feasibility of transitioning the Whitman club to a 501(c)(3) non-profit corp. will have details to present to the club at the January meeting. Joe also mentioned our club insurance policy is being reviewed and may need updating.
- **Chris N1CFB** provided a general update on our January WinterFest hamfest on January 20th 2018. Chris mentioned a possible expanded outdoor vendor area if the weather is ok. **John W1IG** made a motion to appropriate funds for raffle items with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. **Steve W1OD** informed everyone that the VE Session at the WinterFest event was submitted to the ARRL. It should appear on their website and in QST.
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned folks should be considering articles and/or subjects for our monthly newsletter. **Jim W1JT** mentioned having made some recent videos with **John WD1L** of shack improvements that might be of interest.
- **Mike WA1MAD** asked if our ARRL club status is in good standing or had it lapsed? **Jeff N1ZZN** commented that our current roster has to be submitted to the ARRL again for membership evaluation. At least 50% of our membership must be ARRL members for our club to be in good ARRL standing. As a sample

evaluation, **Joe K1JMA** had the meeting attendance log recirculated and asked folks to indicate if they are ARRL members. (note: 53% of the attending membership were ARRL members)

- **Joe K1JMA** reminded folks of the upcoming club dues as 2017 comes to an end. Joe asked everyone to keep this in mind for dues payments in January and February.
- **Ross W1EKG** updated everyone on the Technician training class he's currently teaching which started on October 19th. Class attendance dropped to 3 folks recently but last week 11 folks attended. Ross is expecting 12 or 13 again tomorrow night. Ross noted that **Paul W1GTX** has been helping with the class and **Larry W1VP** has stopped in on occasion also. Ross welcomes anyone to stop by the class on Thursday nights at the Whitman Police Station from 7pm-9pm.
- **Paul KB1MTW** pointed out the clubs Yaesu FT450, which is used for Field Day, Marshfield Fair and Plimoth Plantation events was using an older transformer based power supply (which was very heavy). In order to lessen the weight when transporting this equipment, it was decided to purchase a smaller, lighter 30A switching power supply at the recent NEAR-Fest event.
- **Mike WA1MAD** reminded the club that even though his involvement is over, anyone who still wants a new ID badge w/your picture on the front and your FCC license on the back can contact HAMCRAZY.com. **Joe K1JMA** thanked Mike for arranging this.
- **Ryan KD1X** donated a 100w LDG AT100 Proll tuner for auction (thanks Ryan!). An auction took place with **Jim W1JT** making a the top donation of \$95 to our club.
- **Bill N1FRE** announced he's selling his Cushcraft R8 vertical antenna with a guy kit. Details will be added to the website.
- **Paul KB1MTW** reminded folks a 3kw Honda inverter generator is still available. See Paul if interested.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Ryan KD1X** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**.
Motion passed a quorum vote.

Joe K1JMA adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm, 11/01/17

End Secretary's Report

