

## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 03/07/18



**Larry Kenney W1VP**  
Secretary

**Jeff Tracy N1SOM**  
Treasurer

**Joe Amorelli K1JMA**  
President

**ATTENDANCE:** 26 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

**W1VP Larry Kenney**  
**W1GTZ Paul DeLory**  
**KB1OEQ Ron Stundze**  
**W1MBH Scott Mitchell**  
**WI1G John Murphy**  
**KA1KIJ Bob Azanow**  
**W6TOM Tom Murphy**  
**KB1IKH Elayne Tovet**  
**N1STV Steve Cote**

**N1SOM Jeff Tracy**  
**WD1L John Nelson**  
**W1OD Steve Cohn**  
**KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwall**  
**WA1MAD Mike Davis**  
**W1JDG John Ginsberg**  
**KC1ALE MaryBeth**  
**W1JT Jim Tovet**  
**KB1PFL Jim Madden**

**K1JMA Joe Amorelli**  
**W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser**  
**N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann**  
**N1BSO John Laiosa**  
**WA1BEE Allen Hiltz**  
**K1WGU Bob Bass**  
**W1AEM Matt Kane**  
**N1IQI Loren Pimentel**

### Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm 03/07/18. A quorum was present.

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

**Joe K1JMA** took a moment to welcome back **Loren N1IQI** to attending the clubs monthly meetings after his recent medical absence. The club joined in welcoming Loren back!

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the February 2018 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **John WI1G** with a second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the February 2018 meeting notes were published online on the club website. Motion to accept the February 2018 meeting notes as published made by **Bob KA1KIJ** with a second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Elayne reports a Sympathy card was sent to **John KB1SVY**

### **Net Control for March 2018**

- March 11th: **Paul W1GTX**
- March 18th: **Jeff WK1D**
- March 25th: **Jeff N1SOM**
- April 1st: **Bob KA1KIJ**

### **New Members:**

- **Joe K1JMA** and **Jeff N1SOM** presented 2 new member applications in good standing to the club from **John Laiosa N1BSO** and **Mark Hirtle KC1ITF**. Motion to accept as a new members made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jim W1JT**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the club John and Mark!
- **Joe K1JMA** started a discussion following the new member indoctrination regarding a possible change in the new member process which would require sponsorship by an existing club member. Without sponsorship, other new member options were discussed. **Jim W1JT** volunteered to introduce new members to the Whitman club in this case. **Mike WA1MAD** mentioned this process may be too limiting and further consideration is needed

### **Old Business:**

- **Joe K1JMA** announced he has the newly ordered club jackets. Members can pick them up after the meeting. Joe still wants to organize a new order for summer items (t-shirts, hats etc..) later this spring. A general show of hands was requested to see what the attending membership is most interested in:
  - club t-shirt: >50% show of hands would be interested
  - club hat: just a few members were interested.
  - club polo/golf shirt: just a few members were interested.
- Note: regarding t-shirts: **W6TOM** suggested a t-shirt w/a chest pocket would be desirable. **Steve W1OD** suggested the inexpensive club t-shirt version **Joe K1JMA** has mentioned could have 'Radio Communication' on the back.

## New Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned establishing committees for each planned 2018 club function. A sign-up sheet for these committees was circulated at a recent club meeting with only a few members volunteering (thanks to those who did). Joe encouraged members to volunteer in order to make these events successful. Without sufficient interest from members to volunteer, it won't be possible to run these events in the future. The working list of committees needing volunteers is:
  - ARRL Field Day (need event chair person, food prep **Steve W1OD** with **Larry W1VP** + committee volunteers needed)
  - Marshfield Fair (chair is **Bill N1FRE** + committee volunteers needed)
  - NEARFest (chair is **John W1G** with **Jeff N1SOM** + committee volunteers needed)
  - WinterFest (chair **Chris N1CFB** with **Mike WA1MAD** + committee volunteers needed)
  - Plimoth Plantation (chair **Joe K1JMA** with **Larry W1VP** + committee volunteers needed)
  - Outreach program (need a chair person, with **Ross W1EKG** and **Alan KC1HLX** + committee volunteers needed)
  - Training chair: **Ross W1EKG** with **Paul W1GTX**
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone of the January 1<sup>st</sup> due date for payment of club dues. Joe noted dues payment reminders have been mentioned at the January and February club meetings, as well we reminder emails were sent out. As of the end of February, 82 of the 128 members have paid. The remaining 46 members who have not paid can no longer vote or make motions regarding club business. There is a standard 1 year grace period where these folks can pay their 2018 dues and return to an active member status. After 1 year, a new member application must be submitted.
- **Joe K1JMA** addressed the new Outreach program being discussed and specifically some details he's learned from folks w/the Boy Scouts of America and other organizations regarding necessary precautionary steps to be taken prior to youth interaction of any kind. There are specific (online) training and CORI check requirements. Joe passed around an info page with the details he has so far for club members to review and expects to uncover more info as he continues the investigation. Joe is also working on having the fee's waived for the training and CORI checks. Joe will provide more details when available to club members via email.
- **Ross W1EKG** provided a club training update. Ross thanked **Paul W1GTX** for his help with the General training class which just finished the day before this club meeting with a VE session. 10 folks took the General class test (including 2 folks who did not attend class- these 2 did not pass the test. One of which was a younger boy). 2 other folks who did attend the class did not pass either. One of

these may need one-on-one tutoring. If anyone is interested in helping w/this tutoring effort, please see Ross. **Joe K1JMA** asked about tutoring the younger boy also- Ross thought this might be a good idea also. Joe indicated a club email could be sent out asking for 'elmering' volunteers. Ross also mentioned he'll be starting a EXTRA training class sometime in April which will meet 2 nights a week for 8 weeks. Details to follow once the Whitman police station training room is booked.

- **Ross W1EKG** mentioned a recent conversation with **Arthur WA1GOV** involving vhf/uhf satellite communications. Like last years Go-Kit symposium, Ross suggested a possible satellite communications symposium sometime this year. This might also include EME (earth-moon-earth) communications – possibly sometime after the spring NEAR-Fest. **Tom W6TOM** provided a brief summary of his experience w/AMSAT OSCAR 13 satellite communications (in active use from 1988-1996).
- **Jeff N1ZZN** informed the club members the Hanson radio tower formerly being considered for Whitman repeater use came down in the recent storm. Jeff reminded everyone that one of the tower guy wires was broken at the time he looked at it.
- **Joe K1JMA** commented on the importance of having fire extinguishers in the home. He related an issue
- **Jim W1JT** started a general conversation regarding amateur radio communications during power and internet outages during both relatively short outages (as experienced due to the recent Nor'Easter storm hitting our area) and for much longer term outages if this were to occur here. Jim noted basic digital modes he, **Loren N1IQI** and **John WD1L** have been using but also noted other interesting alternatives such as use of the AO92 satellite (w/full bbs support) just recently made available for amateur radio use and Mesh networking which allows for wireless geographical network expansion using relatively inexpensive 802.11 WiFi routers dynamically routing traffic within the Mesh (essentially wide area WiFi) itself and with the internet if available. Several members volunteered to host a Mesh node/router at their QTH. Further **Jeff N1ZZN** indicated there is a partially installed antenna for a Ubiquiti (Mesh) device on the Marshfield tower. A proper antenna mount and a climber is needed to complete the installation. Jeff suggests other repeater sites could host Mesh nodes as well as great way to expand the Mesh coverage area.

Motion to adjourn made by **John W11G** with a second by **Steve W1OD** Motion passed a quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm, 03/07/18

**End Secretary's Report**