

## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 04/04/18



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

**ATTENDANCE:** 34 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

**W1VP** Larry Kenney  
**KB1MTW** Paul Moss  
**WD1L** John Nelson  
**WD1L** Jeff Ayres  
**N1IQI** Loren Pimentel  
**KC1GMN** Bill Healey  
**KA1KIJ** Bob Azanow  
**N1LQK** Dave Kaplan  
**KB1MOC** Kevin Dykes  
**WA1MAD** Mike Davis  
**KC1ITF** Mark Hirtle  
**WI1G** John Murphy

**N1SOM** Jeff Tracy  
**W1MBH** Scott Mitchell  
**W1JT** Jim Tovet  
**KB1QMX** Dave Beauvais  
**AG1B** Richard Metcalf  
**W1GTX** Paul DeLory  
**KC1EUJ** Kurt Sundwall  
**KC1JET** Jim Tynan  
**WA1TOM** Tom Luckman  
**N1BSO** John Laiosa  
**W1LJM** Frank Sheputa

**K1JMA** Joe Amorelli  
**K1WGU** Bob Bass  
**W1OD** Steve Cohn  
**KB1MJL** Elvin (AI) Marshall  
**WG1L** Jim O'Rourke  
**W1EKG** Ross Hochstrasser  
**W1AEM** Matt Kane  
**W1JGR** John Ruppel  
**N1CFB** Chris Babbitt  
**KB1PFL** Jim Madden  
**WA1TPC** Bob Sibbald

### Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm 04/04/18. A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the March 2018 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **John WI1G** with a second by **Matt W1AEM**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the March 2018 meeting notes were published online on the club website. Motion to accept the March 2018 meeting notes as published made by **Ross W1EKG** with a second by **Richard AG1B**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Elayne reports she sent a get well card to **Bill Goodwin KC1CNP**

## Net Control for April 2018

- April 8th: **Jeff WK1D**
- April 15th: **Ross W1EKG @CranLand**
- April 22nd: **Jeff N1SOM**
- April 29th: **Paul W1GTX**

## Announcements:

**Joe K1JMA** announced **Paul KB1MTW** would be running an equipment auction after the meeting.

## Old Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** indicated he still has some new club jackets which have not been picked up & paid for yet. If you ordered a jacket please find Joe asap and **Jeff N1SOM**. Since our club emblem has now been digitized (thanks to club member **Jack N1QE**) future orders for other items should be fulfilled fairly quick.

## New Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** spoke about the standing request from **John WI1G** to members for donated equipment (in good working order) for sale at our clubs NEAR-Fest table. Please coordinate equipment donations with John. **Paul KB1MTW** also spoke about equipment sold on a consignment basis.
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone about nominations for the four club officer and one director position (currently held by **John WD1L**). Nominations are to take place at this meeting and again at the May meeting. After the May meeting, nominations are closed as the election takes place at the June meeting. **Jim W1JT** nominated **John WD1L** for the director position, with John accepting. **John WI1G** nominated the current officers: **Joe K1JMA**, **Jeff N1SOM**, **Larry W1VP** and **Paul KB1MTW** for their currently held officer positions. The officers will announce their intention to accept or decline their nomination at the May club meeting.

- **Joe K1JMA** asked the membership for thoughts on future Tech Talk subjects. If you are interested in giving a technical talk at a club meeting, please speak to Joe to have this scheduled. Current ideas offered for consideration are:
  - DMR
  - Satellite & Space Station communication
  - New equipment/product reviews
  - Chirp/other radio programming tools
  - PC Amateur Radio software/tools
  - Contesting & DX chasing
  - New laws & FCC regulations (possibly by an ARRL representative)
    - **Dave KB1QMX** suggested **Chris Imlay W3KD** General Council on the ARRL Legislative Advocacy Committee might be a good speaker choice. Dave will reach out to Chris.
  - Mesh Networking
  - Digital Modes, robust packet, aprs ect..
  - Antenna topics
  - Lightening precautions and station grounding
  - Raspberry PI & Arduino
- A general discussion took place, including a suggestion to contact our SE Mass ARRL rep.
- **Ross W1EKG** indicated he has NEAR-Fest tickets for sale after the meeting. **Joe K1JMA** asked the club membership for availability to help support the club equipment setup/take-down and table sales at NEAR-Fest. Joe also asked if we have any more details about the request to help clean up the fairgrounds area after the NEAR-Fest event. Also should we be planning to setup an indoor table as originally requested? Ross didn't have an update but will at the next meeting just before the event.
- **Ross W1EKG** provided training update:
  - He and **Paul W1GTX** will be starting an Extra training class on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The class will meet twice/wk. See Ross or Paul so sign up.
  - A suggestion was made for a newly licensed radio operator how-to class. Joe asked if anyone was interested in helping with this?
- **Joe K1JMA** asked if anyone in the club would be interested in bringing the latest FCC/Legal news to the clubs attention on a regular basis? **Jim W1JT** suggested this also could be added to the club website on a regular basis. This could also appear in the club newsletter.
- **Joe K1JMA** prompted folks to submit info for the club newsletter. **Bob KA1KIJ** suggested including snippets from club newsletters from the past (30years ago for example).

- **Jeff N1SOM** announced he has club patches for sale (\$5/ea). See Jeff if you would like a few.
- **Jeff N1SOM** mentioned it's time for our yearly donation to the Dollars for Scholars fund. Motion to appropriate \$500 for a donation to the Dollars for Scholars fund made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion passed a quorum vote.
- **Joe K1JMA** noted he intends to email all club members updated info regarding the requirements for working with the Boy Scouts. Joe further suggests anytime any club member interacts with the public at a club event, these steps should be followed. Joe noted currently these steps are free to club members but may not be in the future.
- **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned he's not received further info regarding the request from the Boy Scouts for a ham radio demo at one of their events sometime in May taking place at the E Bridgewater YMCA field. Further info to follow.
- **Mike WA1MAD** noted an upcoming Boy Scout event taking place on the USS Massachusetts on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The event is run by **Rick KB1TEE** and is looking for help running 3 stations.
- **Mike WA1MAD** questioned plans for the upcoming ARRL Field Day event on June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Joe K1JMA** asked the members for a volunteer to be the chair person/event organizer. **Paul KB1MTW** followed up w/the basic tasks of the chair person.
  - **Steve W1OD** agreed to again manage the food prep for the event. **Mike WA1MAD** and **Larry W1VP** volunteered to help.
  - Motion to allocate funds equal to last years amount (\$350) for food at the Field Day event made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Jim KB1PFL**. Motion passed quorum vote.
  - **Paul KB1MTW** volunteered to contact the YMCA and arrange use of their field.
- **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned the current state of the Pine St. location is in need of landscape cleanup after the winter storms. Paul mentioned **John W1IG** volunteered to help with this. **Joe K1JMA** also volunteered. Others are welcome also – this will likely be done during an upcoming weekday. Paul also mentioned the building itself is in need of a paint job – over the summer sometime. **Paul W1GTX** will investigate paint options. A general discussion took place regarding the Pine St. location.
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned he's planning an officers & directors meeting within the next week or so for a review of the re-written bylaws prior to being presented to the club membership for a ratification vote at the June election.

- **Mike WA1MAD** suggested folks reach out to friends who had been club members but recently dropped their membership.
- **Ross W1EKG** reminded everyone of the upcoming MOTA (Meeting On the Air) net coming up in 2 weeks on the Wednesday evening starting at 7:30pm on the club repeater.

Motion to adjourn made by **John W11G** with a second by **Jeff WK1D** Motion passed a quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm, 04/04/18

### End Secretary's Report

Following the meeting, **Paul KB1MTW** held an equipment auction yielding the following club donations:

- Yaesu 8100: **Paul W1GTX** for a \$50 donation
- Icom 2720A (no Tx): **John W1JGR** for a \$10 donation
- Bencher straight key: **Kurt KC1EUJ** for a \$10 donation
- Heathkit HW101 w/Pwr Supply: **Jim W1JT** and **Ross W1EKG** for a \$100 donation
- MFJ 40A PS: **Bill KC1GMA** for a \$40 donation