

## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 05/02/18



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

**ATTENDANCE:** 41 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

<b>W1VP Larry Kenney</b>	<b>N1SOM Jeff Tracy</b>	<b>K1JMA Joe Amorelli</b>
<b>KB1MTW Paul Moss</b>	<b>W1MBH Scott Mitchell</b>	<b>KB1OEQ Ron Stundze</b>
<b>KC1HLX Alan Pillbury</b>	<b>KG1U Michael Bennett</b>	<b>W1OD Steve Cohn</b>
<b>WK1D Jeff Ayres</b>	<b>WD1L John Nelson</b>	<b>AG1B Richard Metcalf</b>
<b>N1FRE Bill Heyden</b>	<b>N1IQI Loren Pimentel</b>	<b>KB1MJL Elvin (Al) Marshall</b>
<b>WG1L Jim O'Rourke</b>	<b>KA1OTA Dave Rezendes</b>	<b>NM1F Jim Ford</b>
<b>KC1GMN Bill Healey</b>	<b>W1AY Brad Wilson</b>	<b>W1GTX Paul DeLory</b>
<b>KB1FBA Bob Mahoney</b>	<b>WA1MAD Mike Davis</b>	<b>W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser</b>
<b>N1CFB Chris Babbitt</b>	<b>N1BSO John Laiosa</b>	<b>KB1OEP Mike Supple</b>
<b>KA1KIJ Bob Azanow</b>	<b>W1JGR John Ruppel</b>	<b>KB1MOC Kevin Dykes</b>
<b>KC1ITF Mark Hirtle</b>	<b>KC1FZ George Davis</b>	<b>N1OYH Carl Davis</b>
<b>W1AZU Heather DeMont</b>	<b>W1LJM Frank Sheputa</b>	<b>WA1BEE Allen Hiltz</b>
<b>N1STV Steve Cote</b>	<b>WI1G John Murphy</b>	<b>KC1FCI Joe D'Antonio</b>
<b>KB1QMX Dave Beauvais</b>	<b>N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann</b>	

### Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm 05/02/18. A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the April 2018 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jim WG1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the April 2018 meeting notes were published online on the club website. Motion to accept the April 2018 meeting notes as published made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Elayne reports via Email she sent a get sympathy card to the family of **Evelyn Foley K1EF**.

**Mike WA1MAD** asked if a card could be sent to **Billy K1UFO** in regards to his wife **Linda**. **Joe K1JMA** indicated he will speak to **Elayne KB1IKH** regarding this.

## Net Control for May 2018

- May 6<sup>th</sup> **Richard AG1B**
- May 13<sup>th</sup> **Jeff WK1D**
- May 20<sup>th</sup>: **Ross W1EKG @ CranLand**
- May 27<sup>th</sup> **Jeff N1SOM**
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> **Paul W1GTX**

## New Members:

**Joe K1JMA** and **Jeff N1SOM** presented 2 new member applications in good standing to the club membership for acceptance:

- **Michael D. Bennett KG1U**
- **Frank Sheputa W1LJM**

Motion to accept as new members made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the club **Michael** and **Frank**!

## Announcements:

**Joe K1JMA** announced the formal committee designations:

- **Training** chaired by **Ross W1EKG** with committee member **Paul W1GTX**
- **Equipment and Assets** chaired by **Paul KB1MTW** with committee member **John WI1G**
- **Repeater** chaired by **Jeff N1ZZN** with committee member **Kevin KB1MOC**. **John N1BOS** has requested to be on this committee also.

Others interested in joining these committees, please contact the committee chair person. At each monthly meeting, time will be allocated for each committee chair person or designated representative to report their committee status and answer questions from the membership.

## New Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone that **Ross W1EKG** has NEAR-Fest tickets for sale. Joe also reminded folks of the club request for donated working ham radio equipment items for sale on the club table at NEAR-Fest. **Mike WA1MAD** brought up the question of the expected sale price of equipment on the table. Joe indicated he would check for sale prices on Ebay of equivalent equipment if necessary. **Paul KB1MTW** additionally mentioned the club will still sell members equipment on a consignment basis and stressed a minimum sale price must be provided by the equipment owner.
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone of the upcoming June election and this (May) meeting being the final chance for members to nominate folks for the officer positions (President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary) and the 2018 director seat. **Jeff WK1D** asked if no challengers to the incumbents exist, does the club in fact have to hold a voting session at all? **Joe K1JMA** indicated this is still necessary per our club bylaws. Joe reminded folks this election also contains a vote for the new re-written/updated club Bylaws supporting our transition to a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. **Joe K1JMA** detailed his future plans for the club if elected President again for another year; he will rally the membership for much more participation in club events and bring more amateur technology to the membership.
- **Joe K1JMA** started a general conversation regarding the upcoming ARRL Field Day event on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Steve W1OD** assured the 1pm VE session will be listed with the ARRL.
  - **Steve W1OD** confirmed he's managing the food/BBQ for the event with help from **Karen N1VI**, **Larry W1VP** and **Mike WA1MAD** with **Jeff N1SOM** indicating he will provide several cases of water.
  - **Paul KB1MTW** confirmed use of the E-Bridgewater YMCA field.
  - **Bill N1FRE** offered 2 propane gas tanks for use w/the grills at Pine St.
  - A general discussion took place on the need for Laptop replacements for electronic logging during Field Day operations. **Joe K1JMA** will investigate the options. Thanks to all members who offered these options.
  - **Jeff WK1D** indicated he has ARRL printed material (handouts) for the event.
  - The need for an event coordinator was discussed but no volunteers were identified yet.
  - A general discussion took place regarding Field Day announcements to the public – for example on the clubs Facebook page. **Heather W1AZU** volunteered to work with **Jeff N1ZZN** to implement this info. **Ross W1EKG** further suggested a **WATD** radio mention of our Field Day event might be possible. **Steve W1OD** mentioned he was interviewed in the past by **WATD Dave KB1QMX** indicated a press release w/these details can be written and also volunteered to reach out to the Whitman/Hanson cable access folks.

- **Joe K1JMA** indicated he still has club jackets ordered for members who requested them. These need to pick these up and paid for ASAP. Summer items (T-shirts, etc) won't be ordered until the jacket order is closed.
- **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned the upcoming Boy Scout event at the E-Bridgewater YMCA field on Saturday May12 where he plans to demonstrate amateur radio (VHF and HF hopefully). Paul is looking for a few volunteers to help him. A general discussion followed regarding the Boy Scout youth protection program and the CORI (**Criminal Offender Record Information**) check process.
- **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned he has an older chain saw from **Ed Meehan** which does run but has gone unused for a good while. Anyone interested in buying this, see Paul. If not at this meeting, the item will go to NEAR-Fest for sale.

Motion to adjourn made by **Paul W1GTX** with a second by **Steve W1OD** Motion passed a quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm, 05/02/18

**End Secretary's Report**