

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 11/07/18



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

ATTENDANCE: 42 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney	KB1MTW Paul Moss	K1JMA Joe Amorelli
N1SOM Jeff Tracy	KB1OEQ Ron Stundze	KC1JSL Ben Fletcher
W1MBH Scott Mitchell	K1WGU Bob Bass	WK1D Jeff Ayres
W1OD Steve Cohn	AG1B Richard Metcalf	N1FRE Bill Hayden
WG1L Jim O'Rourke	N1IQI Loren Pimentel	W1JGR John Ruppel
KB1MOC Kevin Dykes	KC1FZ George Davis	N1OYH Carl Davis
WA1YKF Warren Dickie	W1JDG John Ginsberg	KB1MJL Elvin (Al) Marshall
KC1KIU Scooby Newman	K1TWH Tom Howey	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
WA1RIW Rich Carnes	W1LJM Frank Sheputa	WA1MAD Mike Davis
N1CFB Chris Babbitt	KC1ITF Mark Hirtle	N1LWK Ken Desruisseau
KB1WNX Steven Lyons	K1FAB Fred Birtwell	WD1L John Nelson
W1GTX Paul DeLory	N1BSO John Laiosa	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy	KB1FBA Bob Mahoney	KA1KIJ Bob Azanow
W1VU Bob Egles	KC1EFF Randy Mills	KC1FZH Marty Nugent

Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm 11/07/18.
A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the October 2018 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Jim WG1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the October 2018 meeting notes were published online on the club website. Motion to accept as published made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Elayne reports the following:

- A birthday card was sent to **George Davis KC1FZ** (101 years old)
- A dish garden was sent to the family of **Ken Garren WA1DUZ/SK**
- A dish garden was sent to the family of **Frank Hayes N1OGP/SK** (an original founding club member & possibly a life member)

Sunday Public Service Net Control for November 2018.

- November 11th **Paul W1GTX**
- November 18th **Jeff N1SOM**
- November 25th **John W1JDG from Plimoth Plantation**
- December 2nd **Jeff WK1D**

New Members:

Joe K1JMA and **Jeff N1SOM** presented a new membership application in good standing for **Robert Kirkaldy KC1KIS**. Motion to accept as a new member made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Paul W1GTX**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the club **Robert KC1KIS !!**

Training Committee update by Ross W1EKG

- **Ross** informed the club, 3 folks attended the General class being co-taught with **Paul W1GTX**, which started last night (Nov 6th). Ross reviewed the class dates/times including the VE test session at the end (Thursday December 6th). The class schedule will be posted on the club websites training page: (<http://www.wa1npo.org/training/training.htm>)
- **Ross** intends to start an Extra training class in January 2019 with the next class after this being a Technician level starting in the fall of 2019. Ross also reminded everyone **Rich WA1RIW** will be helping out with the training classes also.
- **Frank W1LJM** asked for the total number of hams licensed due to the clubs training classes. **Ross W1EKG** estimated approx 30 of which about half have become club members.,
- **Paul KB1MTW** presented the idea of a mentoring program. A brief discussion on the subject took place, including the idea of running another class for recently licensed hams on how to setup a station and common on the air operating procedures.

Equipment/Assets committee update by Paul KB1MTW

- **Joe K1JMA** indicated he has new travel cases for the club radios.
- **Paul KB1MTW** reminded everyone of the Yaesu FT990 HF rig recently acquired by the club. **Steve W1OD** asked if the model is an FT990 or FT990a? Paul will check on this. (Paul later confirmed the model as FT990)
- **Jeff N1ZZN** asked if the Icom 756 was sent out for repair? **Joe K1JMA** indicated it was not in need of repair but only preventive maintenance and has not been sent out yet. Joe further indicated the technical resource for this, found by **Jim W1JT** is still available.
- **Frank W1LJM** asked if an antenna launcher and analyzer were available for loan from the club. **Paul KB1MTW** indicated they both are available.
- **Mike WA1MAD** mentioned **Chris N1CFB** has been making antenna launchers/fyi.

Repeater report by Jeff N1ZZN

- **Jeff N1ZZN** reported repeater 'crunchies' during times of high wind and/or high humidity. **Joe K1JMA** asked for anyone experiencing repeater issues to note the date/time of this to help further investigate these issues.

New Business

- **Joe K1JMA** indicated he'll be looking for 2019 project plans and budget details from the 3 primary committees (Training, Eq/Assets and Repeater)
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone that club membership dues for 2019 are due by the end of this calendar year. A motion was made and seconded to enact a \$10.00 late fee added after the Dec 31st deadline. A general discussion took place with a quorum vote not approving this motion. A second motion for a \$5.00 late fee was made, seconded and passed a quorum vote. Following this, a suggestion was made that a club wide email be sent out to inform all members of this. Post the Nov club meeting: The following was sent to the club membership by our President:
 - *At our November business meeting, a motion was made, seconded and approved to enact a late fee for those who don't pay their dues by December 31st. The late fee is \$5.00, so this means that any time after December 31st as a member you will owe the club \$30.00. After January 31st any member that does not pay, is removed from the membership list. After that, folks who were members in 2018 will then be required to pay the dues of \$25.00 and the late fee of \$5.00 to rejoin the club.*

- **Joe K1JMA** spoke briefly about club informational communications (ex: emails) and the need for these to originate from the club itself for anything representing the club or its activities. If a member would like to propose a club wide communication they should send it to the clubs email for review by our officers.
- **Joe K1JMA** addressed the club notification process of silent key details. Joe indicating the family wishes of the SK must be considered! Joe indicated the policy of the club is to not send a general communication to all members unless an officer has verified with a direct family member that the communication does not violate the family wishes. Joe explained that although several members have expressed concern they were not notified of a SK, just as many have approached him stating they would NOT want a general communication going out to the clubs membership.
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone of the upcoming Plimoth Plantation event taking place Thanksgiving weekend, November 23rd-25th.
 - Joe will be speaking w/the Plantation management a few weeks before the event to firm up the plans.
 - Station and antenna setup will take place from 10am-12pm (approx) on Friday Nov 23rd.
 - Station operations at the Visitor center and Admin building will run in 2 shifts: from 8:30am-12:30pm and 12pm-4:30pm on Saturday Nov 24th and Sunday 11/25. Please consider joining us for on-air operations.
 - At the conclusion of station operations on Sunday, the take-down effort will begin.
 - Joe indicated he has a sign up sheet for setup/take-down and station operations available after the meeting.
 - The clubs Public Service net will be run from the Plantation. **John W1JDG** volunteered to be net control
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded folks of the Club Holiday Party taking place on Friday December 14th, 7:00pm at Jamie's restaurant, Rt. 18 in Whitman. A detailed email will be sent out soon.
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded folks of the Winterfest Flea Market event taking place on the 3rd Saturday in January (Jan 19th, 2019). **Steve W1OD** confirmed a VE session will take place and is listed with the ARRL. The Paypal payment option for vendor table purchasing had been setup, tested and is now available on our club website. The Winterfest Flyer has been updated, indicating the Paypal payment option is now available. The flyer is available on the club website. <http://www.wa1npo.org/WF/Winterfest2019Flyer.pdf>
- **Ben KC1JSL** showed folks a 3d printed Baofeng HD holder a friend had made. Anyone interested in one, see Ben.

Motion to adjourn made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed a quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm, 11/07/18

End Secretary's Report

At the conclusion of the business meeting, **Chris N1CFB** and **Mike WA1MAD** provided a very interesting hands-on demo of the SDRplay software defined receiver. Thanks Chris and Mike!