

## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 01/02/19



**Paul Moss KB1MTW**  
Vice President

**Larry Kenney W1VP**  
Secretary

**Jeff N1SOM**  
Treasurer

**Joe Amorelli K1JMA**  
President

**ATTENDANCE:** 48 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

**K1JMA Joe Amorelli**  
**KC1JSL Ben Fletcher**  
**W1MBH Scott Mitchell**  
**KB1IKH Elayne Tovet**  
**N1OYH Carl Davis**  
**W1JDG John Ginsberg**  
**KB1CHU Steve Black**  
**KB1MOC Kevin Dykes**  
**N1CFB Chris Babbitt**  
**W1QWT Q Bob Callahan**  
**KB1OEP Mike Supple**  
**KC1ITF Mark Hirtle**  
**N1LQK Dave Kaplan**  
**W1GTX Paul DeLory**  
**KC1KFB Bob Cullum**  
**W1AZU Heather DeMont**

**W1VP Larry Kenney**  
**W1OD Steve Cohn**  
**WD1L John Nelson**  
**WG1L Jim O'Rourke**  
**KC1FZ George Davis**  
**KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwell**  
**W1AEM Matthew Kane**  
**WA1TOM Tom Luckman**  
**N1QE Jack Foley**  
**W1VU Bob Egles**  
**WA1RIW Rich Carnes**  
**WA1MAD Mike Davis**  
**KB1FBA Bob Mahoney**  
**N1BSO John Laiosa**  
**KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy**  
**W1JGR John Rupple**

**KB1MTW Paul Moss**  
**WK1D Jeff Ayres**  
**W1JT Jim Tovet**  
**N1IQI Loren Pimentel**  
**AG1B Richard Metcalf**  
**KC1FCI Joe F. D'Antonio**  
**W1LJM Frank Sheputa**  
**W1IG John Murphy**  
**WA1YKF Warren Dickie**  
**KC1JOW Adam Heckman**  
**KB1WNX Steve Lyons**  
**WA1BEE Allen Hiltz**  
**W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser**  
**K1WGU Bob Bass**  
**N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann**  
**N1SOM Jeff Tracy**

### Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm 01/02/19  
A quorum was present.

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

**Joe K1JMA** made a general statement regarding the purpose of the clubs monthly business meetings, the general meeting order and execution being followed, including the process of the chair recognizing and then passing the floor to one club member at a time for comments or motions. All other members should refrain from engaging in separate sideline conversations during the business meeting. Joe further stressed the importance and function of club committees. The committees drive the clubs operation

and manage the clubs events. Folks are encouraged to participate in one or more committees.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** presented the December 2018 treasures report. Motion to accept made by **John W1JDG** with a second by **Jeff WK1D** Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the December 2018 meeting notes were published 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:

- A dish garden was sent to the family of **George Kelly N1ZZO/SK**
- A get well card was sent to Deb Sheputa, wife of **Frank W1LJM**
- A get well card was sent to Donna Davis, wife of **Mike WA1MAD**

**New Members:** **Joe K1JMA** reports no new member applications have been received for this months meeting.

**Sunday Public Service Net Control for January 2019.**

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| • January 6 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>John W1JDG</b> |
| • January 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Jeff N1SOM</b> |
| • January 20 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Paul W1GTX</b> |
| • January 27 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Jeff WK1D</b>  |
| • February 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Ross W1EKG</b> |

**Joe K1JMA** noted the participation in the Wednesday 28.333MHz rag chew net had dropped off quite a bit lately. It was noted non-members can act as net control. The 900MHz net on Thursdays has grown a bit however. Joe asked what the interest level would be for additional nets- possibly a "Fusion Friday" net? There was minimal interest from the club members.

**Joe K1JMA** highlighted several important topics for the club in 2019:

- Formation of overall club and committee budgets supporting club growth.
- 2019 membership dues were due by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. A \$5 late fee was enacted by the club membership for payments made after this date (\$30 in total). Folks with dues not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 will be removed from the club roster and email distribution. Currently 53% of the club members have not paid their dues. In order to better manage the clubs business meetings, the option of closing the meeting to members only is being considered.

- Joe announced new membership badges will be passed out at the February meeting. Badges can be mailed to members not attending the business meetings. **John W1JDG** offered badge checking at future meetings if requested.
- Any member with contact info, call sign, license class or email changes, please inform the secretary via the club email: [wa1npo@gmail.com](mailto:wa1npo@gmail.com). It's important to keep this info up to date, especially as club info is routinely sent out via email. Club members are encouraged to check their email often (at least weekly, if not daily). If you are not receiving club emails, please email the secretary at [wa1npo@gmail.com](mailto:wa1npo@gmail.com).

### Training Committee update by Ross W1EKG

- **Ross** informed the club, the next Extra training class will be starting tomorrow Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at the usual location- the Whitman Police stations training room, starting at 7pm. The class will meet twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, concluding with a VE session on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ross** intends to start another Technician class after this, concluding before NEAR-Fest in early May. Ross also reminded everyone of the great job **Paul W1GTX** has been doing. **Rich WA1RIW** will also be helping out with the upcoming training classes.
- **Frank W1LJM** inquired how the recent General class did w/their VE testing. Ross indicated all but a youngster passed their General exam. Most were already members of the Whitman club.
- **Joe K1JMA** added that he's working with Ross for a written budget for training in February.
- **Jim W1JT** suggested a thank-you note to the Whitman Police station for use of their training room would be a good idea. **Joe K1JMA** took note of this.

### Equipment/Assets committee update by Paul KB1MTW

- **Paul KB1MTW** advised the club now has a 500 foot roll of RG-213 coax.
- **Joe K1JMA** noted that we don't have much equipment for sale at WinterFest.
- **Joe K1JMA** further added he'll be working with **Paul KB1MTW** for an equipment/assets budget for 2019

### Repeater report by Jeff N1ZZN

- **Joe K1JMA** inquired about thoughts/plans for installation of our repeater antenna and also possible use of a Multi Mode Digital Voice unit for our repeater which supports several different digital formats, rather than just Yaesu Fusion.
- **Jeff N1ZZN** estimated the club should designate approx \$2,000 to guarantee an antenna installation. As an example, Jeff noted the MARA clubs current need to

install their new repeater antenna and the ongoing search for a reasonably priced climber.

- **Jeff WK1D** asked if we could designate club money for our antenna installation in the future? Joe indicated this would be an important part of the Repeater budget for 2019.
- **John W1JDG** suggested helping the MARA club somehow, possibly with donations.

## **New Business**

- **John W1JDG** asked for help with his antenna installations at his QTH. If you can help, please contact John.
  - Advice with HF coax routing in and around his home
  - Assistance at his QTH for actual tuning/trimming of his antenna(s)
  - Tool/assistance with a ground rod installation
  - Help with Ham Sticks tuning and installation
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned **Chris N1CFB** had been a recent guest on a WATD radio talk show regarding Amateur Radio. **Mike WA1MAD** and **Billy K1UFO** called in to the show to support Chris and to provide additional ham radio info.
- **Chris N1CFB** and **Joe K1JMA** provided an update on the upcoming WinterFest event on Saturday January 19th. A general discussion took place on the current plans with numerous helpful suggestions by club members being made. Chris asked for past helpers to again show up at 6-6:30am at the K/C Hall if possible for room setup and also help during the event itself from 9am-1pm. Discussions regarding parking options, admission procedures, raffle prizes, food purchasing and other needed supplies were discussed. **Elayne KB1IKH** suggested a bingo dobber be used as an admittance hand stamp. **Paul W1GTX** suggested anyone passing their Technician test be allowed free entry to the WinterFest event. **Jeff N1ZZN** followed with a motion to allow this with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. A brief discussion took place on this subject with **Joe K1JMA** explaining why this would not be possible given we're adapting to the 501(c)(3) non-profit guidelines and this motion can't be entertained. **Jeff N1ZZN** voiced his objection to this which caused further explanations on the subject by **Joe K1JMA**. The discussion focused back on general WinterFest operations and suggestions from the membership. **Jeff N1ZZN** suggested we inquire about use of the new electronic sign at the front of the K/C Hall to advertise WinterFest.
- **Jim W1JT** asked if the club has tax forms for folks donating equipment to the club? **Joe K1JMA** indicated the club will have forms for this purpose. Joe further reminded folks that the club can accept equipment donations but cannot sell equipment for anyone else or sell equipment on consignment.

- **Jeff N1ZZN** re-addressed the notion of changing the monthly business meeting to a closed, members only meeting and asked if this were a requirement of the 501(c)(3) adoption? **Joe K1JMA** answered, this is not a requirement of the 501(c)(3) adoption. **Jeff N1ZZN** along with a number of other members voiced opposition to this idea as it would exclude guests and potential new members from the meeting. This continued into a general discussion on this subject. **Allen WA1BEE** suggested using the new ID badges for voting purposes in order to discern members from non-members. **Joe K1JMA** asked for a show of hands in favor of keeping the business meeting open to non-members. Approx 95% of the attending members were in favor. **Joe K1JMA** confirmed the business meeting will remain open to non-members.
- A question was raised about the process of approving the spending of club money. It was noted, in the past this was brought to the club members at a meeting for a vote. What is the current process? With a budget in place, will spending still be brought to the membership for a vote? **Joe K1JMA** indicated the spending of club money will not always be brought to the members for a vote. For example, if a committee wishes to purchase an item, already approved under their budget, or the purchase is considered an operational expense, this would not come to the members for a vote. If however, a significant purchase, most likely not covered under a budget, was being considered, this would come to the members for a vote.
- **John W1JDG** asked if the club bylaws have provisions for calling special meetings when necessary? **Joe K1JMA** confirmed this is the case.

Motion to adjourn made by **John WG1L** with a second by **John WI1G**. Motion passed a quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm, 01/02/19

**End Secretary's Report.**