

## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 02/06/19



**Paul Moss KB1MTW**  
Vice President

**Larry Kenney W1VP**  
Secretary

**Jeff N1SOM**  
Treasurer

**Joe Amorelli K1JMA**  
President

**ATTENDANCE:** 46 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

<b>KB1MTW Paul Moss</b>	<b>W1VP Larry Kenney</b>	<b>N1SOM Jeff Tracy</b>
<b>K1JMA Joe Amorelli</b>	<b>WD1L John Nelson</b>	<b>KB1IKH Elayne Tovet</b>
<b>W1JT Jim Tovet</b>	<b>N1IQI Loren Pimentel</b>	<b>W1OD Steve Cohn</b>
<b>WK1D Jeff Ayres</b>	<b>KB1OEQ Ron Stundze</b>	<b>KC1HLX Alan Pullsbury</b>
<b>KC1FZI Joe D'Antonio</b>	<b>KC1FZH Marty Nugent</b>	<b>N1OYH Carl Davis</b>
<b>KC1FZ George Davis</b>	<b>AG1B Richard Metcalf</b>	<b>W1JGR John Ruppel</b>
<b>K1CDL Dave Collins</b>	<b>KG1U Michael Bennett</b>	<b>W1MBH Scott Mitchell</b>
<b>W1LJM Frank Sheputa</b>	<b>N1ANS Charles Sheputa</b>	<b>W1AEM Matt Kane</b>
<b>WA1BEE Allen Hiltz</b>	<b>W1GTX Paul DeLory</b>	<b>W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser</b>
<b>KB1OEP Michael Supple</b>	<b>KB1MOC Kevin Dykes</b>	<b>N1LWK Ken Desruisseau</b>
<b>N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann</b>	<b>WA1YKF Warren Dickie</b>	<b>KA1KIJ Bob Azanow</b>
<b>W1JDG John Ginsberg</b>	<b>N1GK Mike Pilla</b>	<b>WA1MAD Mike Davis</b>
<b>KB1FBA Bob Mahoney</b>	<b>N1CFB Chris Babbitt</b>	<b>N1BSO John Laiosa</b>
<b>KC1JSL Ben Fletcher</b>	<b>KB1WNX Steve Lyons</b>	<b>N1QE Jack Foley</b>
<b>KC1KVV Ryan Kelly</b>	<b>N1POO R. Pete Carlson</b>	<b>KB1QMX Dave Beauvais</b>
<b>KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy</b>		

### Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm 02/06/19  
A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** presented the January 2019 treasures report. Motion to accept as read made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **John W1JGR**. Motion passed quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** further detailed the recent Winterfest expenses & donations.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the January 2019 meeting notes were published on the club website. Motion to accept as published made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **Jeff WK1D** Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Elayne reports no Health & Welfare actions were needed last month.

**Jeff N1ZZN** noted his recent discovery that honorary club member **Bob Schillinger KR6EC/SK**, formerly **KA1PGU** before moving to California, had become a Silent Key approx 1 year ago, in March 2018. Jeff noted Bob ran many amateur radio training classes for the club in the past. Many in attendance indicated they had attended his classes back in the 1990's.

**New Members: Joe K1JMA** reports no new member applications have been received for this months meeting. SecNote: after the meeting, a new club member application was submitted by **Ryan Kelly KC1KVV**. Voting to accept Ryan as a new member will be handled at the March 2019 meeting.

## **Sunday Public Service Net Control for February 2019.**

- February 10<sup>th</sup>            **Richard AG1B**
- February 17<sup>th</sup>            **Jeff N1SOM**
- February 24<sup>th</sup>            **Paul W1GTX**
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>                 **Bob KA1KIJ**

**Joe K1JMA** informed the club members of our new club badges. He provided a short presentation on badge use and indicated these would be distributed during the meeting.

1. *All members at any club event must have on their person and display their WARC membership badge.*
2. *Members to make, or vote on motions at club meetings must use their badge by raising it when asked. Without a badge, their motions or votes will not be heard / counted.*
3. *Members in good standing who show up a club functions without their badge will be permitted entry, but will need to check in with an officer to obtain a temporary badge for that meeting only and then return at end of meeting. Without the temporary badge the member cannot make a motion or vote on a motion. Badges must be obtained prior to the meeting beginning and will not be issued once the meeting starts.*
4. *Replacement badges will cost the member a replacement cost of \$5.00*

Following the short presentation, **Joe K1JMA** answered several questions regarding the membership badges and use by the members:

- Why do members sign a log when receiving their badge?
  - *Members signing when accepting the badge allows the club officers to assure all members will receive their badge.*
- Is the badge club property?
  - *Yes, as indicated on the back of the badge.*
- Should badges be worn at all club events?
  - *Yes. badges should be worn by club members at all club events-this not only includes the monthly business meetings, but public events such as The Marshfield Fair, etc.*
- What does the barcode contain on the badge? Will it be scanned?
  - *The barcode on the badge contains name, callsign & valid year of membership. Scanning of the barcode w/a reader is being considered for the future.*

**Joe K1JMA** provided a presentation of formation and operation of club committees:

*Our committees work will enact growth and changes to our organization. All WARC members can and are encouraged to participate on our clubs committees to structure and implement improvements to our organization. This is a primary way members can make a difference, contribute and have a positive impact on the club.*

- *Committees have the responsibility to:*
  - *Create and present an annual budget to the Budget Committee*
  - *Create a committee mission statement outlining the expectations of the committee for approval by the officers.*
  - *Present a status report and at every Business Meeting that shows the details of their past 30 days activity and documents expected activities over the next 30 days.*
  - *Follows the processes and work formats as outlined by the officers*
- **Current Committees**
  - **Training:**
    - **Ross W1EKG** Chairperson
    - **Paul W1GTX**
    - **Rich WA1RIW**
  - **Marshfield Fair:**
    - **Jack N1QE** Chairperson
    - **Bill N1FRE**
    - **Joe K1JMA**

- Plimoth Plantation:
  - **Joe K1JMA** Chairperson
  - **Larry W1VP**
  
- Budget:
  - **Jack N1QE** Chairperson
  - **Joe K1JMA**
  - **Jeff N1SOM**
  
- Field Day:
  - **Mike WA1MAD** Chairperson
  - **John W1G**
  - **Richard AG1B**
  - **Steve W1OD**
  
- Repeater:
  - **Jeff N1ZZN** Chairperson
  - **Kevin KB1MOC**
  - **John N1BSO**
  - **Paul KB1MTW**
  
- **New Committees**
  - Fundraising
    - XXXXXXXX
    - XXXXXXXX
  
  - NEARFest
    - XXXXXXXX
    - XXXXXXXX
  
  - Technical Presentations:
    - XXXXXXXX Chairperson
    - XXXXXXXX
  
  - Winterfest
    - XXXXXXXX Chairperson
    - XXXXXXXX
  
  - Fun Activities Committee\*
    - XXXXXXXX Chairperson
    - XXXXXXXX
      - \*Ham related activities Like:
      - Fox Hunts (yes Richard, Fox Hunts)
      - Day Bus trip up to NEARFest

- *Visits to the Marconi site on Cape Cod*
- *Local QRP events at a local remote location*
- *Build out a Mesh network on the South Shore*
- *Explore, test and use different Digital formats*
- *Demo night: we meet to show and demo our ham projects*

***Lets have a great FUN Ham year!***

Note: Please send an email to the club or contact **Joe K1JMA** to be part of any committee.

### **Repeater report by Jeff N1ZZN**

- **Jeff N1ZZN** commented on the current state of operation of the repeater, noting a few issues have been reported but balanced these issues against the advantages of the repeaters current location & operating environment. **Kevin KB1MOC** noted a possible future/spring arrangement for our club antenna to be installed and noted the possible need for us to provide hardline. Jeff noted this could be expensive, possibly a few thousand dollars, if it's necessary to replace the hardline currently in use. Jeff further noted we should look at the duplexers as they are now 15 or so years old. **Joe K1JMA** asked for specific costs so this can budgeted for. Jeff also noted the availability of the 2<sup>nd</sup> currently unused VHF antenna in place on the tower. This was originally used a few years ago but he switched to an alternate antenna due to somewhat poor repeater coverage to the North. Jeff offered to switch back to this antenna to see if this reduces or eliminates the noise issues. He'll also check the duplexers while at the site when switching antennas. A short discussion took place on the checking/testing and better storage of our club antenna at the Quonset hut.

### **Training Committee update by Ross W1EKG**

- **Ross** informed the club, the currently running Extra training class is going well. Ross is also planning to run a Technician level class in the spring, concluding prior to NEARFest on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

- **Mike WA1MAD** asked if a simple form could be made available for committee chairs to use for budget preparation. Joe confirmed a budget template would be made available on the club website.

- **Steve W1OD** informed the club the FCC is now back in operation as the government shutdown has ended. The FCC is processing amateur radio licenses submitted during the shutdown. Folks who passed their license exams during Winterfest have now received their FCC notifications.
- **Frank W1LJM** asked if anything was learned with this past Winterfest event? **Larry W1VP** noted the vendor feedback he received regarding the raffle prize drawing process. The suggestion was to keep the ticket drawing times quick and evenly spaced out, without PA interruptions between drawings. This caused further thought on the part of the Winterfest committee, with other ideas on improving the prize drawing process being considered.
- **Dave K1CDL** asked if there would be an online dues payment method rather than paying by cash or check? Both **Joe K1JMA** and **Larry W1VP** noted the Paypal system, which was used for Winterfest table payments is being adapted for online dues payments. Some remaining logistical issues still need to be worked out. Hopefully this will be done soon. A question was asked about Paypal fees. A short general discussion took place on the Paypal fee structure and some options being explored by the club regarding this. **Scott W1MBH** noted his negative experience with Paypal.
- **Mike WA1MAD** noted the Paxton 2M repeater has a nightly net, which not only brings club members together (over the air) much more often than our weekly Sunday net and our once a month Wednesday MOTA and weekly 28.333MHz RagChew nets, but offers the opportunity for more ham radio discussions and info sharing. A general discussion took place, which included a show of hands on members interested in a nightly net; approx 10 members indicated interest in this. It was also mentioned, a list of the existing daily nets would be good to have available on the club website. **Larry W1VP** noted this and agreed to add this to the website. SecNote: since the meeting, daily nets have now been added to the club calendar.

Motion to adjourn made by **Paul W1GTX** with a second by **Chris N1CFB**. Motion passed a quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** adjourned the meeting at 8:03pm, 02/06/19

**End Secretary's Report.**