

## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 05/01/19



**Paul Moss KB1MTW**  
Vice President

**Larry Kenney W1VP**  
Secretary

**Jeff N1SOM**  
Treasurer

**Joe Amorelli K1JMA**  
President

**ATTENDANCE:** 50 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

<b>N1STV Steve Cote</b>	<b>W1VP Larry Kenney</b>	<b>KB1MTW Paul Moss</b>
<b>KB1OEQ Ron Stundze</b>	<b>WK1D Jeff Ayres</b>	<b>W1LJM Frank Sheputa</b>
<b>K1BTH Blake T. Haskell</b>	<b>W1OD Steve Cohn</b>	<b>KC1FZH Marty Nugent</b>
<b>WA1MAD Mike Davis</b>	<b>WI1G John Murphy</b>	<b>KC1FZI Joe D'Antonio</b>
<b>W1GTX Paul DeLory</b>	<b>KB1WNX Steve Lyons</b>	<b>KC1LKB Ernest Bazzinotti</b>
<b>KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik</b>	<b>KC1ITF Mark Hirtle</b>	<b>N1QE Jack Foley</b>
<b>N1BSO John Laiosa</b>	<b>N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann</b>	<b>KB1MOC Kevin Dykes</b>
<b>W1JGR John Ruppel</b>	<b>KA1KIJ Bob Azanow</b>	<b>KA1JBE Joe Casieri</b>
<b>KB1PFL Jim Madden</b>	<b>KC1ACF Mark Vess</b>	<b>KB1CHU Steve Black</b>
<b>KB1FBA Bob Mahoney</b>	<b>WA1BEE Allen Hiltz</b>	<b>W1EDR Eric Dresser</b>
<b>K1WGU Bob Bass</b>	<b>W1AKN Jack Buckley</b>	<b>KG1U Mike Bennett</b>
<b>W1MBH Scott Mitchell</b>	<b>WD1L John Nelson</b>	<b>N1IQI Loren Pimemel</b>
<b>N1ISS Mark Sullivan</b>	<b>WG1L Jim O'Rourke</b>	<b>KC1FZ George Davis</b>
<b>N1OYH Carl Davis</b>	<b>AG1B Richard Metcalf</b>	<b>W1JDG John Ginsberg</b>
<b>KC1HLX Alan Pillsbury</b>	<b>W1AEM Matt Kane</b>	<b>W1AZU Heather DeMont</b>
<b>N1CFB Chris Babbitt</b>	<b>KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwall</b>	<b>W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser</b>
<b>KC1EFF Randy Mills</b>	<b>KB1QMX Dave Beauvais</b>	

### Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm 05/01/19  
A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** presented the April 2019 treasures report. Motion to accept as read made by **Mark KC1ACF** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

**Larry W1VP** indicated the April 2019 meeting notes were published on the club website. **Richard AG1B** raised a question regarding the notes; specifically asking for the member names & callsigns of those who made motions to raise the membership yearly dues as these were not included in the membership notes. **Larry W1VP** indicated he didn't think club members were interested in specifically who made these motions but agreed to amend the meeting notes with these details. Motion to accept as published made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Richard AG1B**, contingent on the agreed to amending. Motion passed quorum vote.

#### Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**

- A Get Well card was sent to **Steve W1STV**
- A Get Well card was sent to **Richard AG1B** (self-delivered)

#### Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for May 2019:

- **May 5th** : **Paul W1GTX**
- **May 12th** : **Bob KA1KIJ**
- **May 19th** : **Ross W1EKG @ CranLand**
- **May 26th** : **Jeff N1SOM**

**New Members:** **Joe K1JMA** and **Jeff N1SOM** presented a new member application in good standing from **SWL Ernest Bazzinotti**. It was noted that at the time of this meeting, Ernest had passed his Technician exam but had not yet been issued a callsign by the FCC. Motion to accept as a new associate members until such time as a callsign is assigned made by **Mark KC1ACF** with a second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the club Ernest!!! (note: post meeting Ernest received his callsign: **KC1LKB**). Also noted by **Joe K1JMA**: please print or write clearly on club forms and roster logs so names and callsigns are clearly legible. In the future, illegible names and/or callsigns will not be used.

#### Committee updates:

- **Training Committee:** **Ross W1EKG** noted the Technician class he and **Rich WA1RIW** taught completed last Tuesday with a VE Exam, resulting in 6 new amateur radio operators. Congratulations to the new hams! Ross noted this included new club member **Ernest KC1LKB**.
- **Repeater Committee:** **Jeff N1ZZN** informed the club of his investigation into a cheaper ISP (internet service provider) for the club repeater using the Tello service vs. the FreedomPop service who's monthly cost has been increasing lately. A short general discussion on the subject took place, resulting in a Motion to switch to the Tello wireless ISP server from FreedomPop made by **Jeff N1ZZN** with a second by **John N1BSO**. Motion passed quorum vote. **Jeff N1ZZN** also requested the treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** change the clubs ISP payments to the Tello service. **Jeff N1SOM** agreed to see to this.

- **Budget/Finance Committee:** **Joe K1JMA** noted the filing of the clubs IRS form 990 will take place by May 15<sup>th</sup> after which the form details will be available for viewing by all club members. **Chris N1CFB** asked how complex this form is? **Jeff N1SOM** noted it wasn't complex, similar to the familiar 1040EZ form most of us are familiar with. **Joe K1JMA** reminded folks any member in good standing can join the budget committee. Please send an email to club if you wish to join.

## **New Business**

**Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone of the intended business for this meeting by listing the following topics:

- Officer and Director nominations concludes at this meeting with ballots being generated and mailed to all members asap (Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>) to allow as much time as possible for members to complete the ballots and return by mail before the June meeting where the results will be tabulated and announced.
- The intention to create an Election Committee for future club nominations/elections
- The intention to create a ByLaws Committee with the first item being an investigation for an amendment requiring notification of all members 30 days prior to a membership dues change.
- NEARFest plans and other new business from the membership.

**Joe K1JMA** opened the floor for nominations for club Officer and Director positions. A general discussion took place primarily by **Richard AG1B**, **John W1G**, **Mike WA1MAD** and **Joe K1JMA** discussing details of the nomination and election process, noting club ByLaws where applicable. After much discussion, nominations from the floor proceeded:

- **Matt W1AEM** nominated **Paul W1GTX** for the officer position of President. **Paul W1GTX** accepted the nomination.
- **Steve W1OD** nominated **Joe K1JMA** for the officer position of President. **Joe K1JMA** declined the nomination.
- **Mike WA1MAD** nominated **Chris N1CFB** for the officer position of Vice-President. **Chris N1CFB** accepted the nomination.
- **Ron KB1OEQ** reminded everyone of his nomination at last months meeting of **Paul KB1MTW** for the officer position of Vice-President. **Paul KB1MTW** now declined the nomination.
- **John W1G** nominated **Jeff N1SOM** for the officer position of Treasurer. **Jeff N1SOM** declined the nomination.
- **Allen WA1BEE** asks about the responsibilities of the Treasurer. **Joe K1JMA** reads the ByLaws referencing the Treasurers responsibilities.

- **Allen WA1BEE** nominated **Randy KC1EFF** for the officer position of Treasurer. **Randy KC1EFF** accepted the nomination.
- **John WI1G** nominated **Bob KA1KIJ** for the officer position of Secretary. **Bob KA1KIJ** accepted the nomination.
- **Richard AG1B** nominated **Jim WG1L** for the full 3-year Director position. **Jim WG1L** accepted the nomination.
- Nominations to fill the remaining 2 years of the recently vacated Directors position were as follows:
  - **Bob KA1KIJ** nominated **Paul KB1MTW** for this Director position. **Paul KB1MTW** accepted the nomination.
  - **Jeff WK1D** nominated **Steve W1OD** for this Directors position. **Steve W1OD** accepted the nomination.
  - **Richard AG1B** nominated **Loren N1IQI** for this Directors position. **Loren N1IQI** accepted the nomination.

**Joe K1JMA** asked if there were any more nominations from the floor. Hearing none, **Joe K1JMA** closed the nomination process. Joe further indicated the ballots will be prepared and mailed to all club members on Monday 5/6/19. Ballots will be counted at the June 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 club meeting. Members are urged to fill out the ballot asap and return it by mail 10 days prior to the June meeting. Members attending the June 2019 meeting can hand in their ballot at that time.

**Joe K1JMA** asked if there was any interest in having a Whitman club table at the upcoming May 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> NEARFest event in Deerfield NH? **Paul KB1MTW** confirmed he would not be attending NEARFest and therefor would not be setting up a club table. **Bob KA1KIJ** asked if we might forfeit our location if the club does not setup a table? **John WI1G** indicated he would setup a table at his location w/the Whitman club banner displayed.

**Paul KB1MTW** indicated he was recently approached by the Dollars for Scholars folks regarding our yearly donation of \$500. A general discussion took place, including references to the recently approved club budget which established a \$100 total donation amount (note this does not include earmarked money for other club events, such as Field Day, etc.) **Richard AG1B** noted in the past a \$500 yearly donation had been made by **Elayne KB1IKH** which funded the clubs Dollars for Scholars donations, but this donation is no longer being made. Motion to allocate \$100 for this years Dollars for Scholars donation made by **Jeff N1ZZN** with a second by **Randy KC1EFF**. Motion passed quorum vote.

**Dave KB1QMX** asked about the availability of a financial statement for the club and if this would be made available on the club website? **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone that this month, the club will be filing its federal 990 form (which contains the clubs financial details/fyi). A copy of which will be brought to future club meetings for any/all members to review but there are no plans to publish these details on the club website.

A further suggestion was made to also make available the budget presentation details. **Joe K1JMA** confirmed the budget details will also be made available, along with the completed 990 tax form.

Dave further asked if the “token” \$100 donation for Dollars for Scholars is an indication of problems with the clubs finances. **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone that the \$100 amount simply reflects the voted & approved donation amount by club members when reviewing and approving the clubs 2019 budget.

**Mike WA1MAD** provided an update on the June 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> ARRL Field Day event. Mike has been in contact with the E. Bridgewater YMCA and is waiting for the contract to be sent to him. A general discussion took place with **Paul KB1MTW** recalling how this was done in the past. This included a discussion on assuring the club has exclusive use of the YMCA field during the event weekend. Once **Mike WA1MAD** has the contract, he will forward this to **Jeff N1SOM**. **Mark KC1ACF** asked if Friday night camping was allowed? A discussion took place with the answer being no camping Friday night, but overnight camping Saturday night is allowed.

**Jim WG1L** described equipment from a recent Silent Key he brought with him and is available for club members. It was noted, after the meeting see **Jim WG1L** if interested in any of the equipment he brought.

**Dave KB1QMX** noted the following:

- Last year, he created a press release for our ARRL Field Day Event but it wasn't used. Dave asked if there was any interest in a press release for this years Field Day Event? **Joe K1JMA** advised this should be worked through **Mike WA1MAD**, this years Field Day organizer. If so, this should be reviewed by the club officers prior to release.
- Dave noted that w/warmer weather coming, attending local community based events should be considered as this would be a good opportunity to increase club membership and also sponsor club donations. Dave noted the upcoming June 1<sup>st</sup> 'Hanson Day' in Hanson Center might be an opportunity for this, at no cost to the club as well. **Joe K1JMA** recalled the proposed public relations committee which this type of activity would be part of. Joe asked if Dave would chair this event. Dave declined. **Eric K1EDR** indicated he would contribute to this event. **Joe K1JMA** asked if both **Dave KB1QMZ** and **Eric K1EDR** would co-chair the event? Both agreed. Dave noted club literature would be needed and his intention would be to setup a 2M station on-site for about 4 hrs at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Hanson Day event.
- Dave further noted the July 4<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Day in Whitman along with the August 2nd/3rd Scituate Heritage day events should also be considered, along with the Weymouth based 'Spindels' Auto club event at the Marshfield Fairgrounds Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. **Dave KB1QMX** also suggested school science fairs be approached. **Joe K1JMA** suggested a new club banner/tablecloth be put together, to assure we showcase the Whitman as best as possible.

- Dave suggested our club events and a monthly reminder prior to each club meeting be submitted to the local newspaper(s) as a way to promote the club itself. **Ross W1EKG** suggested we utilize the new electronic sign at the front of the K/C Hall in order to promote our monthly club meetings. The cost of this was discussed and suggested this be addressed again in light of our now 501(c)(3) status.
- Dave recommended a capital committee and campaign be started for a future clubhouse. A general discussion took place on repair and possible future use of the clubs Quonset hut. **Joe K1JMA** related his experience with a recent evaluation of the hut itself regarding its structure and the ongoing rodent infestation. Most agreed it's best use it for storage. **Paul KB1MTW** reminded folks there are restrictions in place preventing any exterior modifications to the building or land but interior improvements are allowed. In addition, increased activity and parking at the site would not be welcomed by the town or it's conservation committee. Dave proposed investigating other town owned properties which might be made available for us- especially w/our 501(c)(3) status. **Jeff N1ZZN** agrees this subject needs further open discussion and suggests this be tabled for now and should be continued at the next meeting. Joe K1JMA tables the discussion and indicated it will be picked up again at next months meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by **John WI1G** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed a quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** adjourned the meeting at 8:47m, 05/01/19

**End Secretary's Report.**

Following the meeting, **Jim WG1L** showed equipment from a recent SK to the membership.