

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 10/02/19



RandyMills KC1EFF
Treasurer

Bob Azanow KA1KIJ
Secretary

Chris Babbitt N1CFB
Vice President

ATTENDANCE: 39 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

WA1Q Bob Azanow	N1CFB Chris Babbitt	KC1EFF Randy Mills
KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy	W1VP Larry Kenney	AG1B Richard Metcalf
WK1D Jeff Ayres	W1MBH Scott Mitchell	KC1LKB Ernest Bazzinotti
N1OYH Carl Davis	KC1FZ George Davis	KA1UFO Patrick Witherell
N1QE Jack Foley	KB1MTW Paul Moss	WD1L John Nelson
N1IQI Loren Pimentel	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann	W1AEM Matt Kane
N1SOM Jeff Tracy	W6TOM Tom Murphy	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwall	K1TAE Marty Nugent	K1JMA Joe Amorelli
KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik	N1BSO John Laiosa	WA1MAD Mike Davis
KC1ITF Mark Hirtle	WA1YKF Warren Dickie	W1JGR John Ruppel
WI1G John Murphy	W1EDR Eric Dresser	KG1U Mike Bennett
KB1QMX Dave Beauvais	KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy	KB1PDL Jim Madden
KB1MOC Kevin Dikes	N1DH Dan Heather	KC1KIU Gabriel Newman

Secretary's Report:

Vice President **Chris Babbitt N1CFB** called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm 10/2/19 with the elected officers at the front table.

A quorum was present.

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

The VP led a moment of silence to honor the victims of the Collings Foundation B17 airplane crash in CT.

The Roll call was completed

Treasurer **Randy KC1EFF** presented the Sept 2019 treasures report. A motion to accept as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Paul KB1MTW**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Bob KA1KIJ indicated the September 2019 meeting notes were published on the club website. Motion to accept as published made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**

Thankfully no one was sick last month. **Bob KB1FBA** is on the mend.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Sept 2019:

- **Oct 06th : Mike KB1OEP**
- **Oct 13th : Paul W1GTX**
- **Oct 20th : Jeff WK1D**
- **Oct 27th : Richard AG1B**
- **Nov 03rd : Chris N1CFB**

New Members:

No New Members were added this month.

Committee updates:

- **Training Committee: Ross W1EKG** reported the Technician class is completed. The VE session was completed as well and there are 3 new Hams. Congratulations and welcome to the hobby. Thank you to **Ross W1EKG** and **Rich WA1RIW** for running the Technician class

The basic Electronics class is going well. Thank you **Ted KC1JMZ** and **Ross W1EKG** for running this class.

Ross W1EKG reported that the General Class will start on Nov. 5th. This class will run on Tues. and Thursdays for 6 weeks and will conclude with the VE examination.

The next (MOTA) Meeting on the air net is scheduled for Wed Oct. 16th With the weekly 28.333mhz Rag Chew net to follow at 8:00PM. The Next MOTA meeting after this one is scheduled for Nov. 20th same times.

- **Repeater Committee:** No report but Status Quo

- **Budget Committee:** We asked for members to step up to the plate to be on the committee. Any future adjustments to the dues will be recommended by the Budget committee. Two additional members volunteered to join the committee. They were **Pat KA1UFO** and **Dave KB1QMX**. The budget committee also includes **Paul W1GTX** and **Scott W1MBH**
- **ByLaws Committee:** No Report but we need a few folks to step up to the plate

Old/New Business

- **Chris N1CFB** Called the group to order to vote to retain the dues at the current schedule which nullifies a previous vote to raise the dues. This vote required one month in advance notification to all club members. Members that could not attend could also send their vote in to the club president. The vote required a 2/3 majority of the quorum. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously 42 to 0 by a quorum vote. This included the votes from 6 members that could not make the meeting provided by the President of the club **Paul W1GTX**.

New Business

Plimoth Plantation: **Joe K1JMA** asked the group for a count to see how many of the members would be able to help with the event setup and to be available on the Saturday and Sunday as well for operating shifts and take down. We will have a sign-up sheet as well. He also mentioned that only after the Club has committed to the event by having enough volunteers sign up i.e. a commitment by the club, that they wanted to continue this event, he would speak to the folks at the Plantation to confirm our dates there. **The Plantation committee needs the clubs commitment no later than Friday October 18th!**

Joe K1JMA mentioned at that the meeting, and it was confirmed by several club members, that participation of this event has dwindled over the past 4 years leading up to a requirement for 4-5 member having to remain at the plantation and work the event for 3 days without any relief, (that's 6-8+ hours straight). This left many members frustrated and angry that there was not enough commitment by the club to run the event in future years.

The club will only be conducting the event if the club has the required level of participation i.e. ALL slots are filled on the planned schedule.

Only if we are committed i.e. people have scheduled and committed their time to the event by the **deadline of Friday October 18th** will we proceed. We will not wait until November to see who will drop in.

The commitments that need to be filled are:

Setup:

- Friday November 29th at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Meet at the lower parking lot at the plantation (Minimum of 6 commitments, Ideally 8+)

Operation:

- Saturday November 30th
Shift 1 8:00 am to 12:30 PM (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)
Shift 2 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)
- Sunday December 1st
Shift 1 8:00 am to 12:30 PM (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)
Shift 2 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)

Breakdown:

- Sunday December 1st 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)

If you are committing to a shift please do so by sending an email to WA1NPO@gmail.com and provide your **name**, **cell phone number**, **call sign**, and the **slots(s) you are committing to**. Please, to get your requested slot, submit ALL requested information.

If after October 18th the club has enough commitments to conduct the Plantation event, the schedule will be posted.

We will keep folks informed of the status. We will also need a check as well. The event is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend. Setup is on Friday morning Nov. 29th. We will be operating Saturday the Nov. 30th and Sunday the Dec. 1st **Jeff N1ZZN** mentioned he would take care of contacting ARRL to have our event in QST. It looks like it will not be in the printed version until the Dec Edition. Hopefully we will be in the on-line listing in plenty of time.

Richard AG1B Notified the members at the meeting about the annual International Fox Hunting organization will be holding the 2020 event in the Boston area. 2 & 80 Meter bands will be utilized for the event. The dates of the event will be Sat June 13th & Sunday June 14th. I found some additional information <http://www.homingin.com/farsnews.html> Here is an excerpt of the information.

*On 30 September, the ARRL ARDF Committee announced that **the 2020 USA ARDF Championships will take place June 9 through 14 in the vicinity of Boston, Massachusetts**. Events will include two days of practice sessions followed by competitions in foxoring and sprint as well as 80m and 2m classic ARDF. There will also be a traditional awards banquet. Meet Director will be Jen Harker W5JEN. Competition winners may earn places on ARDF Team USA, which will travel to Serbia for the ARDF World Championships about three months later. USA's ARDF Championships are open to anyone who can safely navigate the woods with map, compass and direction-finding gear.*

More information will be posted in this site <http://www.homingin.com/farsnews.html> when available.

Nearfest: Paul KB1MTW notified the group that he will be loading up his pickup with items from the clubhouse to bring up to Nearfest which is held October 11th and 12th this year. We will have a club table this year and we are looking for folks to commit to at least an hour at the table to help out. We need at least 5 people to help out.

Paul KB1MTW also mentioned that Boy Scouts from Camp Norse in Kingston will have their annual JOTA (Jamborie on the Air) on October 19th Kids from Whitman, Bridgewater and Plymouth will be participating. If anyone is interested please let Paul know. Paul asked if folks can please monitor the repeater the day of the event they will be calling out looking for contacts and it would be a great way to introduce the scouts to Amateur Radio.

Winterfest 2020

Chris N1CFB confirmed with Larry of the K of C that we are all set to run the even on Jan 18th 2020. We need committee members and also need to into high gear with getting the word out and publicity. **Jeff N1ZZN** and **Bob WA1Q** stepped up to help out. We discussed using Paypal again for vendors to sign up and pay for their tables.

Holiday Dinner

Paul W1GTX wanted to mention that since Jamies future is uncertain that an alternate restaurant would be better. He provide information from the Meadowbrook in Hanson. This would be a buffet with 2 main dishes and the cost would be tentatively \$25 per person. There will be more information to follow.

Motion to adjourn made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Paul KB1MTW**.

Motion passed a quorum vote. **Chris N1CFB** adjourned the meeting about 8:05 PM, 10/02/19. Next meeting will be 11/06/19 at 7:00PM

Note: As a reminder if your callsign changes please let us know.

End Secretary's Report.