

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 1/08/20



Steve Cohn W1OD
Acting Interim Secretary

Randy Mills KC1EFF
Treasurer

Chris Babbitt N1CFB
Vice President

Paul Delory W1GTX
President

ATTENDANCE: 37 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

W1GTX Paul Delory	N1CFB Chris Babbitt	KC1EFF Randy Mills
W1OD Steve Cohn	AG1B Richard Metcalf	WK1D Jeff Ayres
KB1FBA Bob Mahoney	KB1OEQ Ron Stundze	KC1LKB Ernest Bazzinotti
KC1MJB Jim Whedbee	N1IQI Loren Pimentel	W1JGR John Ruppel
W1AZU Heather DeMont	W1LJM Frank Sheputa	KB1MTW Paul Moss
W1MBH Scott Mitchell	WA1RIW Rich Carnes	N1OYH Carl Davis
KC1FZ George Davis	WA1MAD Mike Davis	WI1G John Murphy
N1SOM Jeff Tracy	N1QE Jack Foley	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KA1UFO Patrick Witherell	WA1BEE Allen Hiltz	N1BSO John Laiosa
KC1ITF Mark Hirtle	KB1WNX Steve Lyons	KC1KIU Gabriel Newman
Peter MacPherson SWL	KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik	K1WGU Bob Bass
N1LWK Ken Desruisseau	K1TAE Marty Nugent	Michael Torres SWL
N1LQK Dave Kaplan		

Secretary's Report:

President **Paul Delory W1GTX** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 1/8/20 with the 3 elected officers at the front table.

A quorum was present.

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

The Roll call was completed

Treasurer **Randy KC1EFF** presented the Dec. 2019 treasures report. A motion to accept as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Steve W1OD**.

Motion passed quorum vote.

Bob KA1KIJ posted the published Dec 2019 meeting notes on the club website. Motion to accept will be made in the February Meeting.

Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**

Richard reported that all is well for the Month of December.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Nov 2019:

- **Jan 12th : Paul W1GTX**
- **Jan 19th : Jeff N1SOM**
- **Jan 26th : Richard AG1B**
- **Jan 2nd : Jeff WK1D**

New Members:

Paul W1GTX announced 3 new Members, **KC1MJB Jim Whedbee**, **K1TAE Marty Nugent** and **Peter MacPherson**. Peter is now officially an associate member and will become a full member after passing the Technician exam and receiving and assigned callsign from the FCC.

Welcome to the club Jim, Marty and Peter.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG the General Class that was tentatively scheduled to start on November will be now starting in Dec and run Jan 2020. See the class dates below. The Dates are posted to the Website.

Tuesday Dec. 10th and Thursday Dec. 12th

Tuesday Dec. 17th,

Tuesday Dec. 26th

Tuesday Jan. 7th and Thursday Jan. 9th 2020

Tuesday Jan. 14th

Tuesday Jan. 21th and Thursday Jan. 23^d

Tuesday Jan. 28th

The VE Exam will be announced at a late date and will take place shortly after the last day of the class. Ross will inform the crew when it gets closer.

W1EKG Ross reported the next (MOTA) Meeting on the air net is scheduled for the Wed of Jan. 15th. with the weekly 28.333mhz Rag Chew net to follow at 8:00PM. The Next MOTA after January is scheduled for Feb. 19th same time.

- **Repeater Committee: John N1BSO** reported Status Quo

Winterfest 2020 Report

Chris N1CFB reported that all 36 tables have been sold. **Heather W1AZU** will take care of getting the food. We will have 2 club tables.

Chris acquired 3 Baofeng radios for giveaways. Also donated Training guides, Gift Certificates from the ARRL and other prizes will be available

The VE Session is listed on the ARRL's Website and QST.

- **By-Laws Committee:** A discussion was brought for recommendations for the next By-laws committee meeting:
 1. Recommendation by **Paul W1GTX** to change the bylaws to extend the Late fee to the day after the first meeting in a new year. That is the January meeting. Then the \$5. late fee will be applied.
 2. Second recommended topic for the By-laws Committee to discuss by **Allen WA1BEE** brought what happens if the club folds and we have a balance of Money and property. It would go to another radio club or ARRL. We need to discuss this and confirm it has to go to a club that is also a 501c3. The ARRL is a 501c3 organization.

Old/New Business

Dues: **Paul W1GTX** reminded the group that effective tomorrow Jan 9th the \$5.00 late fee is effective.

Holiday Dinner

A nice time was had by all who attended. Thank you **W1GTX Paul** for arranging the event.

NEW Business

Mike WA1MAD Reported that **Fred Hopengarten K1VR** is still scheduled to visit us at the Feb. 5th 2020 meeting. He is a well know author and Telecommunications Lawyer. He is also the New England Director for the ARRL and will be doing a presentation followed by a Q and A session. Mike also invited the MARA and Genesis Clubs to attend the meeting as guests. Please try to attend this important event. We will adjust the evening to be able to have Fred on early and hold the business off until after his presentation

Mike WA1MAD brought up a discussion on Boston Marathon radio Operations and Winter Field Day. Winter Field day is scheduled for January 25 & 26th 2020. For more information visit <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

Jeff WKID brought up a suggestion by **AI W1SM** to keep folks that have not paid their dues to keep them on the email list not on the membership list for up 6 months to a year for notifications for upcoming events to keep their interest and to encourage them to rejoin. There will have to be more discussion on this.

Paul W1GTX Brought up a topic of discussion for the March 4th 2020 meeting. This would be on Vintage aircraft radios. The presentation would be by **Ross W1EKG** weather permitting of course.

Chris N1CFB brought in his SDR radio to demonstrate at the end of the meeting. Thank you Chris

Paul KB1MTW reported he has replaced the broken microphone cables on the clubs 8800 radios. Thank you Paul.

Chris N1CFB brought up a discussion repeater Etiquette including the fact we have the frequency spectrum for free. We have to keep our repeater maintained. This also means in the time of emergencies ham radio operators must step up and help provide any emergency service that are needed for the community. He mentioned how amateur radio helped out during the Boston Marathon bombing situation as well. **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned that Skywarn traffic should be treated as priority traffic as well and to listen unless you have something important to report.

Mike WA1MAD Brought up that the Boston Marathon will be looking for folks to help and also that Winter field day will be January 25 and 26th this year.

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

Paul W1GTX adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM, 1/08/20. Next meeting will be 2/05/2020 at 7:00PM

Thank you to **Steve W1OD** for taking the notes in the Secretary's absence.

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

End Secretary's Report.