



## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 3/04/20

**Bob Azanow WA1Q**  
Secretary

**Randy Mills KC1EFF**  
Treasurer

**Paul Delory W1GTX**  
President

**ATTENDANCE:** 43 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

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| <b>W1GTX Paul Delory</b>        | <b>KC1EFF Randy Mills</b>   | <b>WA1Q Bob Azanow</b>          |
| <b>AG1B Richard Metcalf</b>     | <b>WK1D Jeff Ayres</b>      | <b>KC1LKB Ernest Bazzinotti</b> |
| <b>N1IQI Loren Pimentel</b>     | <b>W1JGR John Ruppel</b>    | <b>KB1MTW Paul Moss</b>         |
| <b>W1MBH Scott Mitchell</b>     | <b>WA1RIW Rich Carnes</b>   | <b>N1SOM Jeff Tracy</b>         |
| <b>N1QE Jack Foley</b>          | <b>WA1BEE Allen Hiltz</b>   | <b>W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser</b>  |
| <b>KA1UFO Patrick Witherell</b> | <b>KC1ITF Mark Hirtle</b>   | <b>KB1OEP Mike Supple</b>       |
| <b>KB1WNX Steve Lyons</b>       | <b>KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik</b>    | <b>KC1KIU Gabriel Newman</b>    |
| <b>K1TAE Marty Nugent</b>       | <b>Michael Torres SWL</b>   | <b>KC1MMH Peter MacPherson</b>  |
| <b>Rob Keane SWL</b>            | <b>KG1U Michael Bennett</b> | <b>KB1ODS John Chase</b>        |
| <b>WG1L Jim O'Rourke</b>        | <b>N1OYH Carl Davis</b>     | <b>KC1FZ George Davis</b>       |
| <b>N1DH Dan Heather</b>         | <b>N1POO Peter Carlson</b>  | <b>KB1QMX Dave Beauvais</b>     |
| <b>KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwell</b>     | <b>K1WGU Bob Bass</b>       | <b>N1BSO John Laiosa</b>        |
| <b>KC1MLU Corby Nason</b>       | <b>AJ1L Jeff Lehmann</b>    | <b>KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy</b>   |
| <b>WI1G John Murphy</b>         | <b>KC1JKW Andy Lyne</b>     | <b>WA1MAD Mike Davis</b>        |
| <b>KC1KIT Thomas Kirkaldy</b>   |                             |                                 |

### Secretary's Report:

President **Paul Delory W1GTX** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 3/4/20 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 Feb. 2020 treasures report. A motion to accept as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Jim WG1L**.  
Motion passed quorum vote.

**Bob KA1KIJ** posted the published Feb 2020 meeting notes on the club website. Motion to accept will be made in the March Meeting.

A motion to accept as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Loren N1IQI**.

Motion passed quorum vote

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

Richard reported sad news that a long-time friend and associate member from Malaysia **Chin 9M2CW** know as (uncle Chin) in Malaysia has gone silent key. He was a longtime member of the [Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters' Society - MARTS](#).



**9M2CW** Chin Pak Kooi

Richard reported that Roy KB1CIB is in a rehab facility we can provide information off-line to send him cards.

### Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Mar 2020 and first week of April:

- **Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** : **Paul W1GTX**
- **Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** : **Bob WA1Q**
- **Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>** : **Jeff W1SOM**
- **Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** : **Ross W1EKG**
- **Apr 5<sup>th</sup>** : **Jeff WK1D**

### New Members:

**Paul W1GTX** made a motion to accept the 3 new applicants from February's meeting. Members **KC1MLU Corby Nason**, **K1TWH Thomas Howey** and **N1DH Dan Heather**. Motion passed a quorum vote. Welcome to the club.

We also received an application with the required signatures from **KC1JKW Andrew Lyne** for club membership. **Paul W1GTX** made a motion to accept Andrew to the club which passed a quorum vote. Welcome Andy to the club.

### Committee updates:

**Training Committee: Ross W1EKG** the next class will be an **Extra** class with the Technician class to follow later in March at the Whitman Police Station training room.

**NOTE: Due to the Coronavirus crisis any remaining classes and the VE sessions have been cancelled for now until a later date this includes the Technician class.**

The next **Extra** class started **Tuesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**. The next **Technician** class will start **March 24<sup>th</sup>** and tentatively Run on the following dates. This Extra class will run three hours each night starting an hour earlier at 6PM to 9PM.

Tuesday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Mar. 03<sup>d</sup> and (Thursday Mar. 05<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church Whitman)

Tuesday Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> VE Session will be (Thursday Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church Whitman)

The **Technician** class will start March 24<sup>th</sup> and tentatively Run on the following dates with normal start time of 7:PM and runs until 9PM..

Tuesday Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>,

Tuesday Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Mar. 19 21<sup>th</sup> will be the VE Session. IF the date changes Ross will inform the crew when it gets closer.

Here are a few pictures from the Extra Class training class with **Ross W1EKG** at the helm.



**Ross W1EKG** reported the next (MOTA) Meeting on the air net is scheduled for the Wed Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> with the weekly 28.333mhz Rag Chew net to follow at 8:00PM. The Next MOTA after February is scheduled for April. 15<sup>th</sup> same time.

**NOTE: The April meeting has been cancelled due to the crisis and the May meeting is also looking doubtful. In place of the April meeting at the K of C we will do another (MOTA) Meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> possibly at 7:00 PM We will notify the members in advance via email the exact time.**

- **Repeater Committee: Jeff AJ1L** reported working well Status Quo
- **By-Laws Committee and Board of Directors**
- A discussion was brought for recommendations for the next By-laws committee meeting which we read draft proposals for the two by-law changes which will be printed

on an official ballot. These are in draft form right now if anyone would like a copy in advance to review please let us know.

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.

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 if our assets have to go to a club that is also a 501c3. The ARRL is a 501c3 organization.

### **NEW and OLD Business**

**Mike WA1MAD** brought up the subject of volunteers for the Boston Marathon. We have provided a link in a previous email as well.

**NOTE: Due to the current crisis the Boston Marathon has been rescheduled for the fall.**

It was also noted by a member that We will have to start thinking about the next election of officers and board members and discuss this at the April meeting. Members that are interested in running for office must step up to the plate in plenty of time for the ballots that will have to be mailed out in May. This will also include the By-law changes will be on the ballots as well. More info to come on this.

**Richard AG1B** has reported that **Loren N1IQI** has won the Brass Pounders League Traffic Award for January 2020 **Congratulations Loren !!**

<https://ema.arrl.org/2020/02/27/massachusetts-traffic-report-for-january-2020/>

January BPL recipients: Wow, this is fun! N1IQI, Loren with **769** BPL points, topped Marcia KW1U (with **768** points) by a single BPL point this month! How about that! ( excerpt from the ARRL website ) If you are interested in the Traffic system here are a couple of links <<https://ema.arrl.org/national-traffic-system/net-schedule/>>. To see more news on Eastern Massachusetts Traffic Handling and Nets visit <<https://ema.arrl.org/category/nts/>>.

Loren has received the Brass Pounders League Traffic Award in the past as well.

Last Month **Paul W1GTX** Brought up a topic of discussion for the March 4'th 2020 meeting last month. This would be on Vintage aircraft radios. The presentation was performed by **Ross W1EKG** and **Paul W1GTX** at the conclusion of the meeting. See the photos below.

**Paul KB1MTW** brought a donated Tarheel Mobile HF Antenna to see if any club members were interested. It will be stored at the club house for now.

**Motion** to adjourn made by **John W1IG** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**.

Motion passed a quorum vote.

**Paul W1GTX** adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM, 3/04/20. **Next meeting was to be 4/01/2020 at 7:00PM but has been cancelled due to the crisis. We will replace it with a (MOTA) Net instead as mentioned above at 7:00PM on the Whitman 147.225 repeater.**

**Note:** As a reminder if your callsign changes please let us know.  
Any errors will be corrected by the secretary



Here are a few photos from Ross and Paul's presentation thanks to **Jeff WK1D** and a few from **Bob WA1Q** took as well. Ross and Paul brought some really wonderful vintage hardware.







**End Secretary's Report.**