



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Dec 06, 2023

Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT Treasurer	Chris Babbitt N1CFB Vice President	Bob Azanow WA1Q Secretary (via Zoom)	Jeff Ayres WK1D President
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ATTENDANCE: 32

Members and guests were social isolated at the K of C and on Zoom including 4 elected officers. Members and guests attended in person and via ZOOM. Photo by Thank you Ross W1EKG for running ZOOM!!

WA1Q Bob Azanow	NK1U Jim Whedbee	W1G John Murphy
N1QE Jack Foley	W1GTX Paul Delory	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
N1IQI Loren Pimental	AG1B Richard Metcalf	N1CFB Chris Babbitt
WK1D Jeff Ayres	KC1DD Dennis Diver	W6TOM Tom Murphy
W1AY Brad Wilson	KB1MTW Paul Moss	KC1TNP Peter Bernazzani
KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy	KC1OZE Ed Warchal	KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy
KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik	KB1OEP Mike Supple	N1BSO John Laiosa
KC1SJS Allen Lipkind	WD1L John Nelson	W1RCA Nick Caratelli
KC1KIT Mark Hirtle	**SWL Joyce Hirtle	KC1TNH Adam Faxon
KB1QMX Dave Beauvais	KB1FBA Bob Mahoney	WA1MAD Mike Davis
WB1GSQ Teddy Cullen	KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti	

**** SWL = Short Wave Listener *** = New member**

* Any missing folks or errors in this report please notify the Secretary to update as the second signup sheet was misplaced.

** New Hams & New Callsigns, address, phone or email changes: Please Notify the secretary.
Thank You to all for attending the meeting and all new members and guests!!

Secretary's Report:

President Jeff Ayres WK1D called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 12/06/23. A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

Bob WA1Q was not able to post the Nov 2023 meeting notes on the club website in time for the meeting. They will be ready along with Dec 2023 notes for the Jan 3, 2024 meeting.

Tom KC1KIT read the Oct. 2023 treasurer's report which the secretary emailed to the members. A motion to accept as read made by **Brad W1AY** with a second by **Allen KC1SJS**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**. Nothing to report this month
Please let Richard know if there is anyone we should be sending a card to.
Thank you to Richard for taking care of the H & W.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Dec 03, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023:

- Dec 03rd: **Jeff WK1D**
- Dec 10th: **Mike KB1OEP**
- Dec 17th: **Ross W1EKG**
- Dec 24th: **Paul W1GTX**
- Dec 31st: **Jeff WK1D**

*****New Members and Call sign updates:**

NO new members for or Callsign updates for the December meeting.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG reported that the Technician Class was a success with 6 people passed. Ross attempted to start the General Class Tuesday October 24'th (Halloween), but no one showed up. If no one shows up for the General Class then an Extra class will start in late February or early March 2024. Information will be posted on the Website.

Remember the training email address: Warc.Training@gmail.com and copy to bavarianradio@comcast.net to sign up for classes. We will update the website with the training dates as they become available.

Repeater Committee: From November meeting

John N1BSO reported the backup repeater is working well. John has replaced the diode in the repeater. John and Jeff AJ1L will find a time to reinstall and test the repeater and provide an update. The Controller is working well. Our Echo-link connection is working well. A big **Thank You** as always to **Jeff AJ1L** and **John N1BSO** for all they do for the club and other club's repeaters in the area that they maintain.

NEW & Old Business

Mike WA1MAD mentioned the Field Day Results from the latest QST which Bob WA1Q uploaded the data to the ARRL back in June. Jeff WK1D reviewed the results. The ARRL always publishes the Field Day results in the Dec. edition. We had 2786 points. We operated 5A and had 43 participants run 100 Watts. Thanks again to all who participated.

Jeff WK1D thanked everyone who participated in the **Plimoth Patuxet Museums** annual event. It was another successful and fun event for us. **Bob WA1Q** presented the museum the donation as well. They were very appreciative. Special thanks to **Paul KB1MTW** for bringing all the needed equipment.

Also, a special “Thank You” to Rob Kluin the marketing director at Patuxet for allowing us to have our annual event as well. N1CFB really piled up the contacts while he was on the HF station. **Tom W6TOM** called his friend in California and we were able to contact him on 10 meters. Amazing. **See a few photos at the end of this report.**

Jeff WK1D We have received the AED. We actually brought it to Plimoth Patuxet as well just in case at the Horticulture building. Jeff also brought up the subject of the AED and training. **Teddy WB1GSQ** mentioned that **Sue KC1OHB** could possibly do the training we need. Sue is an RN and worked in Boston Medical Center for many years. We need folks to step up to the plate and attend training. **Mike WA1MAD** also contacted Whitman fire to see if the training person could help but he had no response. Do you think they are trying to tell us something? There was a discussion on the pads too. **Jeff WK1D** also modified the Attendance sheet to add CPR and AED columns for us to get an idea of who is already trained. **Dave KB1QMX** brought up having a service contract for the AED. **Jeff WK1D** has looked into it and does not believe it is needed.

Jeff WK1D has a few suggestions for by-law changes. One suggestion would be for uncontested elections. If unopposed then not have to send out ballots. There is a provision in Roberts Rules that would allow a quorum vote to accept this. Jeff will work on the updates and we will share them with the membership. **Chris N1CFB** also reiterated this so the folks at home on Zoom could hear it.

Jeff WK1D brought up a discussion that we do not have in the by-laws who is responsible for filing the required paperwork to keep our 501 (C)(3) current. It is now on-line with the IRS and the state and must be filed electronically yearly. The by-law update suggestions will have the information.

Barry N4NMF asked about using PayPal to pay dues. That would be possible but there is a charge for PayPal and one thought be to offset the Current dues price by the fee. For example: it might be \$26 instead of \$25 etc. to cover the cost which is a little more than mailing in the check. **Bob WA1Q** will look into that. We have a dues setup that might work Bob Will get back to everyone in the next meeting.

Chris N1CFB Updated on Winter-fest. He has most of the prizes already. **Bob WA1Q** reported That a number of tables have been purchased already through PayPal. We will give an update in the January meeting. **Heather W1AZU** had volunteered to do the food at the event this year. Thank you, Heather, in advance.

Tom KC1KIT has a solicitation from the Y who is having a fund-raising event. A lively discussion about donations was had. **Richard AG1B** mentioned the amount of the donations has increased of the last few years.

Ross W1EKG made a motion to look into a high yield savings account for the club to take advantage of the higher interest rates being paid now. **Brad W1AY** seconded the motion. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Motion to adjourn was made by **John W1IG** with a second by **Brad W1AY**.

Motion passed a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the meeting about 8:00 PM, **12/06/2023**.

NOTE: The Next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Jan. 03, 2024 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The Nov **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Dec. 20th** at **7:38PM**.

The **MOTA** Net will be followed by the **10 Meter 28.333 Rag Chew** Net.

PLIMOTH PATUXET PICTURES



Plimoth Patuxet Museums Setup Crew Thanksgiving Weekend Friday Nov 24, 2023





Installing the Antennas at the Horticulture Building



The Window in a tree Worked great



Bob KB1FBA supervising the installation



Setup crew in the Horticulture building



WA1MAD Mike and Steve N1STV making contacts and logging



AG1B Richard and KC1ITF Mark working the world on HF 😊



Antenna Setup



View from the Horticulture Building,.