



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting May 01, 2024

Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT Treasurer	Chris Babbitt N1CFB Vice President	Bob Azanow WA1Q Secretary	Jeff Ayres WK1D President
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ATTENDANCE: 40

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 Mike K1UVH
Thank you Ross W1EKG for running ZOOM!!

WA1Q Bob Azanow	W1G John Murphy	KC1TNP Peter Bernazzani
AG1B Richard Metcalf	KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
N1IQI Loren Pimental	N1CFB Chris Babbitt	KB1QMZ Dave Beauvais
WK1D Jeff Ayres	W1RCA Nick Caratelli	KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti
KB1MTW Paul Moss	KC1OZE Ed Warchal	W6TOM Tom Murphy
KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy	KC1KZB Mike Huard	WA1MWF Larry Leblanc
KB1OEP Mike Supple	N1BSO John Laiosa	WA1MAD Mike Davis
W1EDR Eric Dresser	N1SOM Jeff Tracy	KG1U Mike Bennett
N4NMF Barry Kennedy	W1OD Steve Cohn	KC1UPX Larry Genovesi
WD1L John Nelson	KC1TNH Adam Faxon	KC1SJS Allen Lipkind
W1MBH Scott Mitchell	W1GTX Paul Delory	KB1PFL Jim Madden
K1TWH Tom Howey	W1VU Bob Egles	W1AY Brad Wilson
W1JGR John Ruppe		

Note: 8 members participated via Zoom.

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

* Any missing folks or errors in this report please notify the Secretary to update.

** New Hams & New Callsigns, address, phone or email changes: Please Notify the secretary.

Congratulations to KC1TNH Adam Faxon passing the General Class exam. Enjoy your new privileges!!!!

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 05/01/24.

A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

Bob WA1Q posted the Apr 2024 **meeting notes** on the club website.

A motion to accept the Apr 2024 as read made by **Mike KG1U** with a second by **Brad W1AY**.

Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Tom KC1KIT read the Apr 2024 **treasurer's report** which the secretary emailed to the

members. A motion to accept as read made by **Mike KB1OEP** with a second by **Brad W1AY**.

Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**. Richard reports there were 1 card sent. A card cheer-up get-well went to **Al W1SM**. 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 May 05, 2024 to June 02, 2024:

- **May 05th: Jeff WK1D**
- **May 12th: Paul W1GTX**
- **May 19th: Ross W1EKG Live at Cranland Airport Hanson MA**
- **May 26th: Bob WA1Q**
- **Jun 02nd Jeff WK1D**

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

New / returning member John Ruppel W1JGR has returned to the club. Welcome back John great to see you. Welcome to new member **Larry Genovesi KC1UPX** thank you for becoming a member.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Ross reported that the Technician class was successful. The class concluded with a VE session on Thursday April 4th at 7:00PM with 4 new Techs and 1 upgrade to General class. Congratulations to **Adam KC1TNH** for passing the General Class exam. Information will be posted on the Website for up and coming classes. A big thank you from the club to the training crew and the students as well.

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:

John N1BSO reported the backup repeater is working well. The Controller is working well. Our Echo-link connection is working well. The Yaesu repeater is still giving trouble. They are still planning to bring it to Bridgewater to do testing and update us at the next meeting. If it does not work out then adding an MMDVM Card to the controller could give us the Fusion Digital option back.

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. Also thank you to **Steve "Ho" KC1HO** for all you do as well.

NEW & Old Business

Ross W1EKG reported that there will be news regarding the fall Near-fest 2024.

Jack N1QE also mentioned the Marshfield Fair 2024 is set as well. The dates will be Friday Aug 16th to Sunday Aug 25th. We will setup on Thursday Aug 15th and break down Monday Aug 25. We will work on signup sheets for the event and we will have updates posted on the club's website.

Jeff WK1D Brought up the updated By-law changes that were sent to all members to be voted on. A motion to accept the By-law changes as written was made by **Paul KB1MTW** with a second by **Allen W1AY**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Jeff WK1D brought up the subject of Field Day. Since **Steve W1OD** and **Karen N1VI** cannot make it this year due to prior commitments, our newest member **Larry KC1UPX** stepped up to do the cooking. **Teddy WB1GSQ** will pick up the food items at BJ's and **Jeff WK1D** and **Bob WA1Q** will pick up the non-perishables such as chips and sodas at Ocean State. A big thank you to all that help to make Field Day a successful event. A huge "Thank You" to **Steve** and **Karen** for all the years they took care of us cooking at Field Day as well.

Mike K1UVH reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday May 18th 9AM. Rain date usually the next Saturday. It's always a fun time. Mike NA1XX is usually the chef and brings up an excellent dish. There was a great turnout the last one.

Bob WA1Q brought up the subject of Whitman Dollars for scholars which we have been contributing to for many years. A motion was made to donate again this year by **Ross W1EKG** and second by **Allen KC1SJS** for \$250. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections

Jeff WK1D brought up the subject of elections came up. It was asked if by wanted to run for the Officer and board members positions. The current officers stated they would like to keep their positions for another year. We also have board of director position expiring. **Scott W1MBH** was nominated by **Allen KC1SJS** seconded by **Paul KB1MTW** was nominated at last month's meeting. If Scott is still unopposed, we will have a vote at the June meeting as the bylaw states.

From last month **Jeff WK1D** mentioned again the Weymouth food pantry run at Wampatuck State Park on June 15th. We are pretty well set for volunteers but we could always use a few more. Please contact Jeff if you can make it. We will use the Norwell 145.250 repeater for communications and 146.535 direct as our back up. We will do a dry run there to make sure that will work.

Dave KB1QMX brought up an event that he attended last year to represent the club Whitman Day at the park. This year it will be held June 8th from 10AM to 4 PM. He is looking for help again to man the table and to have folks monitor the Whitman repeater for contacts. Please let Dave know if you can help. We will bring it up again at the June 5th meeting.

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 PM, **05/01/2024**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed June 05th 2024 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The May **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed May. 15th at 7:30PM**

The **MOTA** Net will be followed by the **10 Meter** 28.333 Rag Chew Net about 8PM.