



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Dec 4, 2024

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

ATTENDANCE: 35

Members at the K of C and on Zoom including 3 elected officers. Members and guests attended in person and via ZOOM. Photo by Mike K1UVH
Thank you Ross W1EKG for running ZOOM!!

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| WA1Q Bob Azanow | N1CFB Chris Babbitt | WI1G John Murphy |
| KB1MTW Paul Moss | WD1L John Nelson | K1UVH Mike Antoine |
| KB1QMZ Dave Beauvais | WK1D Jeff Ayres | KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti |
| N4NMF Barry Kennedy | W6TOM Tom Murphy | KG5VXY Mike Madonna |
| W1TGM Larry Genovesi | W1MBH Scott Mitchell | N1BSO John Laiosa |
| KM1TWL Jim Ashley | W1MVF Larry LeBlanc | KC1TNP Peter Bernazzoni |
| N1IQI Loren Pimentel | KB1FBA Bob Mahoney | W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser |
| KB1OEP Mike Supple | KC1PIF Gary Davis | KC1UTV Jonah Silvia |
| WA1MAD Mike Davis | KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik | AG1B Richard Metcalf |
| KC1OZE Ed Warchal | KC1SJS Allen Lipkind | KC1TNN Adam Faxon |
| W1RCA Nick Caratelli | N1QE Jack Foley | W1ODS John Chase |
| KC1DD Dennis Diver | SWL Larry Jacobs | N1DH Dan Heather |
| WB1GSQ Teddy Cullen | W1GTX Paul Delory | |

Note: 11 members and friends 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.

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 12/04/24.
A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 3 elected officers.

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

A motion to accept the Nov 2024 as read made by **Dennis KC1DD** with a second by **Mad Mike WA1MAD**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

The Nov 2024 Treasurer's Report was completed by our temporary Treasurer **Jeff WK1D** due to **Tom KC1KIT** was not being available yet. A motion to accept the Nov 2024 TR report as read made by **Paul KB1MTW** with a second by **Allen KC1SJS**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Health & Welfare A get-well card was sent Fred **K1FAB** & John **KC1RAE**. Thank you Richard

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Dec 01, 2024 to Jan 06, 2025:

- Dec 01st: Jeff WK1D
- Dec 08th: Mike KB1OEP
- Dec 15th: Paul W1GTX
- Dec 22nd: Allen KC1SJS
- Dec 29th: Jeff N1SOM
- Jan 05th: Jeff WK1D

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

New Member. Welcome again to new member **Gary Davis KC1PIF** thank you for becoming a member of the Whitman ARC starting Oct 24.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Ross confirmed the General class went well.

Ross reported that the VE session for the **General** will be held on Dec 5th. We wish all folks taking the test well. An Extra class will be started at the end of January. Date TBA
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 still working well. The Controller is working well. Our Echo-link **connection is working well. IRLP 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. Also thank you to **Steve "Ho" KC1HO** for all you do as well.

NEW & Old Business

Bob WA1Q mentioned we only have a limited amount of QSL cards left and need to get an order in.

Mike K1UVH reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday Dec 21st 9AM. Rain date usually the next Saturday. It's always a fun time. There was a great turnout the last one.

An updated discussion was held by **Larry W1TGM** on repairs to the club house. Larry recommended to keep it simple for now by stabilizing the building. New metal on the roof and painted to prevent more water from getting in. We need to remove some of the ceiling panels which are made of Masonite. The floor will have to be reinforced as well due to soft spots. Just a thought could be investing in a container as well. More to discuss on this subject. It's looking like a Spring project now.

Bob WA1Q reported that our Thanksgiving weekend at Plimoth Patuxet Museums event went very well. **Jeff WK1D** presented Paul Leonard at the museum and Christina Coleman a donation from the club. We setup on Friday Nov 29th 10 – 12:30. We operated on Saturday and Sunday about 9 to 4 on Saturday and 8:30 to 3 on Sunday. Thank you to all participants. We were a little light on the operators. This is a great opportunity to work HF if you do not have a station setup at home. Please do not be bashful. **KC1UTV Jonah Silvia** did a great job operating the HF station at Plimoth Patuxet. See a few pictures at the end.

It was mentioned again that **K1USN Pi K1RV's** group is now looking for a new home due to the Town of Braintree theoretically needing the space. A massive effort to find a new place and remove all the equipment from the building is going on. He will need help on Saturday mornings. It was a great setup there. It is a shame that they have to move.

Ross W1EKG brought up the subject of having a Holiday party again. The dinner will be held Dec 7th about 5:30PM at the Meadowbrook restaurant on route 27 in Hanson. They have very good food. Please let Ross know if you can make it as soon as possible he needs to give them a count by Wed Dec 5th or Thurs the 6th.

Chris N1CFB brought up a request by **Fred Hopengarten K1VR** from the ARRL who asked us for signatures on letter for the ARRL to help with HOA legislation. He is looking for signatures and suggestions.

November Meeting **Chris N1CFB** brought up the subject of **Winterfest 2025**. First, he needs the down payment of \$150 to give to Larry from the K of C to lock the date in. The second \$150 will be due when we have the event in January. Date for the event is the third Saturday January 18th 2025

Bob WA1Q posted and sent out the updated Winterfest PDF flyer. Bob updated and tested the event page that has the PayPal link. There is a link on the Website under Upcoming Events. The motion was made and seconded to provide the money needed for the rental last month. For the December meeting **Chris** requested up front moneys for the raffle and gift drawings. \$500 for raffles and \$300 for food which we usually recover at the event.

A motion was made by **Teddy WB1GSQ** and second by **Allen KC1SJS** to allot \$800 needed for Winterfest expenses. The motion passed with a Quorum vote. From the the November Meeting **Chris N1CFB** brought up the subject of **Winterfest 2025**. First, he needs the down payment of \$150 to give to Larry from the K of C to lock the date in. The second \$150 will be due when we have the event in January. Date for the event is the third Saturday January 18'th 2025 9AM to 1PM.

Jeff WK1D reminded everyone that dues are due by the Dec 31'st or by the first meeting in January which will be the 8'th as the 1'st is New Years Day, ☺

Dues can also be paid by PayPal by logging into PayPal with your account and search for Whitman ARC Amateur Radio Club

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **John WI1G** second by **Paul KB1MTW**. Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the business meeting about 7:45 PM, **12/04/2024**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Jan 08th 2025 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Dec 18th at 7:30PM**.

The **MOTA** Net hosted by **Ross W1EKG** will be followed by the weekly **10 Meter 28.333 Rag Chew** Net also led by **Ross** will start about 8PM.



N1STV Steve KC1UTV Jonah WA1MAD Mike



The Setup Crew at the Horticulture Building



Bob WA1Q Working HF



Paul KB1MTW shooting a line up.

Richard AG1B & John W10DS
Setting up the vertical at the
Visitors Center



Plimoth Patuxet Museum Setup Crew at Visitors Center

2024 Whitman ARC Christmas Party at The Meadowbrook Hanson MA



