

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 04/01/15



Jim Tovet W1JT
President

Jeff Tracy N1SOM
Treasurer

Larry Kenney K1LJK
Secretary

Paul Moss KB1MTW
Vice President

Photo by Joe K1JMA

ATTENDANCE: 39 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

KB1MTW Paul Moss
W1JT Jim Tovet
K1JMA Joe Amorelli
AG1B Richard Metcalf
N1IQI Loren Pimentel
KC1JET/AE Jim Tynan
W1GRC Gary Cumiskey
KB1SVY John Duprey
W1GQN Jim Havens
N1CFB Chris Babbett
KC1ACF Mark Vess
K1UFO Billy Robinson
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser

K1LJK Larry Kenney
KB1IKH Elayne Tovet
KB1OEQ Ron Stundze
N1ISS Mark Sullivan
W1AY Brad Wilson
KA1DTA Dave Revendes
NM1F Jim Ford
SWL Michelle Duprey
WD1L John Nelson
KB1PFL Jim Madden
WK1D Jeff Ayres
KC1ACG Fred Birtwell
N1EZH Barry Kennedy

N1SOM Jeff Tracy
N1OYH Carl Davis
KB1CYV Roy Logan
WG1L Jim O'Rourke
WI1G John Murphy
N1ZZN Jeff Lehman
KB1ODS John Chase
KB1OEP Mike Supple
WA1MAD Mike Davis
KA1CQD Fred Sandford
KA1KIJ Bob Azanow
KC1CNP Bill Goodwin
W1AKN Jack Buckley

Secretary's Report:

President **Jim Tovet W1JT** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, 04/01/15. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the attendance roll.

Health & Welfare report was presented by **Elayne KB1IKH**:

Get Well card to:

Frank Hayes N1OGP



Treasurer, **Jeff N1SOM** read the March 2015 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **John W1IG** with a second by **Brad W1AY**. Motion passed quorum vote.

The March 2015 secretary's report was published on the club website. Motion to accept the report as published made by **Jim KC1JET**, with a second from **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

NET CONROLS for April 2015:

- **April 5th** : **Richard AG1B**
- **April 12th** : **Roy KB1CYV**
- **April 19th** : **Ross W1EKG (@CranLand)**
- **April 26th** : **Jeff N1SOM**
- **May 3rd** : **Jeff WK1D**

New Business:

- **Richard AG1B** provided a Fox Hunt update:
 - For 2014, the club held a total of 9 Fox Hunts, involving a total of 50 folks in 7 area towns.
 - For 2015, Fox Hunts will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month through October, running from 10am-11:30am/Noon. There will be drawing for a gift certificate at the end of the Fox Hunt for all participants. If interested in participating,

email **Richard AG1B** or **Roy KB1CYV** (rjmetcalf@comcast.net or kb1cyv@comcast.net) before the day of the Fox Hunt or check in w/Fox Control on the Whitman 147.225 repeater just before the hunt itself.

- Also requested are volunteers for a Fox Hunt committee to help w/organization and execution of these monthly events.
- A session/class (possibly held at the club Quanset hut) on building tape measure direction finding beam antennas used w/Fox Hunting was suggested.
- **Jim W1JT** reminded everyone that April and May are the months when club officer nominations should be made, followed by the voting results at the June meeting. Jim reminds us that only members who have paid their 2015 membership dues are eligible to vote. It was noted that at this time, approximately 42% of the club membership has not yet paid their dues. A general discussion took place on this subject. A motion to send out a reminder email to each person who has not yet paid was made by **Mark KC1ACF** with a second by **Joe K1JMA**. Motion passed quorum vote. (**Mark KC1ACF** to write the letter and send it to **Larry K1LJK** who will email this out to these members)
- **Paul KB1MTW** suggests we add an ARRL membership question to the upcoming June election ballots in order to prove the club as >50% ARRL membership. **Jeff WK1D** suggested a separate mailing could be sent to members asking this question.
- **Mark KC1ACF** has volunteered to lead the clubs Flea Market events this year with **Ron KB1OEQ**, **Chris N1CFB** and **Mike KB1OEP** volunteering to help Mark. Motion to accept Mark as committee lead made by **Ross W1EKG** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed a quorum vote. A general discussion took place regarding all aspects of these events. Additional research regarding several Flea Market operational factors was suggested. In order to review additional researched options, **Ross W1EKG** suggests a special club meeting be held in 2 weeks (April 15th 7pm and the K/C hall). Motion to meet on April 15th to review new Flea Market operational options made by **Jim KC1JET** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. *Editors note: post club meeting, **Chris N1CFB** assumed the role of Flea Market lead coordinator.*
- **Larry K1LJK** relayed a question from **Steve W1OD**: what will be the food budget for our Field Day event? A general discussion took place. Motion to appropriate \$350 /not to exceed \$400 for Field Day food made by **Jim KC1JET** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.
- **Jim W1JT** opened up a general discussion regarding the upcoming NEARFEST event and if the club has enough items to sell. Anyone w/items for sale on the clubs table, please see **Paul KB1MTW**. **Ross W1EKG** suggests a pre-NEARFEST meeting w/members camping at the site to plan the space usage.
- **Paul KB1MTW** will be requesting field usage from the East Bridgewater YMCA for this years Field Day operations. Paul notes the YMCA might be expanding in the future and field usage might become a concern. **Jim WG1L** will offer his generator for use at Field Day if necessary.

- **Ross W1EKG** reminded us he will be running a General Amateur Radio training class on Thursday nights.
- **Mike WA1MAD** mentioned the upcoming ham convention in Dayton OH in May. Mike suggests possibly planning rides together w/club member who are going.

Old Business:

- **Jeff N1ZZN** provided a repeater update. He will be investigating the performance issues recently noticed- possibly swapping in new filter cans and monitoring for improvements.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Jim KC1JET** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**.

Motion passed quorum vote. **Jim W1JT** adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm 04/01/15