

## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 02/04/15



**Paul Moss KB1MTW**  
Vice President

**Larry Kenney K1LJK**  
Secretary

**Jeff Tracy N1SOM**  
Treasurer

**Jim Tovet W1JT**  
President

*Photo by Joe K1JMA*

**ATTENDANCE:** 24 members were present including 4 elected officers

K1LJK Larry Kenney  
W1GRC Gary Cumiskey  
KB1IKH Elayne Tovet  
KC1ACG Fred Birtwell  
N1VTI Paul Burbine  
K1UFO Billy Robinson  
KC1CDY Don Wilkenson  
N1SOM Jeff Tracy

KB1MTW Paul Moss  
WD1L John Nelson  
KQA1KIJ Bob Azanow  
KB1PFL Jim Madden  
WA1MAD Mike Davis  
W1JGR John Ruppel  
N1POO R. Pete Carlson  
K1JMA Joe Amorelli

W1JT Jim Tovet  
N1IQI Loren Pimentel  
KB1BHK JonMark Robinson  
KC1CNP Bill Goodwin  
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser  
W1AY Brad Wilson  
KB1OEQ Ron Stundze  
W1IG John Murphy

### **Secretary's Report:**

President **Jim Tovet W1JT** called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, 02/04/15. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for recent SK Bill **Tracy N1SON**.

The attendance roll call then commenced.

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

Sympathy cards to:

Loren N1IQI

John K1JRO

Jeff N1SOM and a floral arrangement for Silent Key Bill N1SON

Also, on a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who sent emails, cards and support to Jim and I for my Father. It really means a lot to us.

**Elayne KB1IKH**

Treasurer, **Jeff N1SOM** read the January 2015 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Brad W1AY**, with a second from **John W1JGR**. Motion passed quorum vote.

The January 2015 secretary's report was published on the club website. Motion to accept the report as published made by **Brad W1AY**, with a second from **John W1G**. Motion passed quorum vote.

**NET CONROLS for February 2015:**

- **February 8<sup>th</sup> : Jim W1JT**
- **February 15<sup>th</sup> : Jeff WK1D**
- **February 22<sup>nd</sup> : Jeff N1SOM**
- **March 1<sup>st</sup> : Jim W1JT with Bill KC1CNP**

Old Business:

- **Jim W1JT** reviewed items from last months meeting.
  - **Mike WA1MAD** is working on organizing the antenna building project for kickoff when better weather arrives. Current volunteers are **Chris N1CFB**, **Paul KB1MTW**, **Fred KC1ACG**, **Billy K1UFO** and **John WD1L**.
  - **Paul N1VTI** provided a detailed summary of last months simplex net held after the January 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning WARPSN (Whitman Amateur Radio Public Service Net). The summary will be included in the upcoming February newsletter. **Bob KA1KIJ** and **Larry K1LJK** will use Paul's simplex net reporting format and build a spreadsheet template for future simplex net use. **Jim W1JT** presented the idea of a 29Mhz/AM simplex net.
- **Ross W1EKG** reviewed the January MOTA (Meeting On The Air) held on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm on the Whitman club repeater. Ross reports there were 10-12 total check-ins. Ross asks the next February MOTA meeting, to be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> should have

a club wide reminder email sent out approx 2 days prior to the meeting. **Mike WA1MAD** confirms this is a good idea. **Larry K1LJK** agreed to do this.

- **Mike WA1MAD** asked if any organized carpooling has ever been done to help folks get to the meetings? No one recalls this being a formal process. **Jim W1JT** offered to be a contact person for anyone who needs a ride to the meeting. (email : [jt@w1jt.net](mailto:jt@w1jt.net) ).
- **Jeff N1ZZN** provided several updates via Email:
  - Several additional Plimouth Plantation certificates are needed for club members and the mailed in QSL requests (a member list was recorded at the meeting and will be sent to **Jeff N1ZZN**). Jeff reports he will be working the QSL certificates and getting these to **Jim W1JT**.
  - EchoLink on the Whitman repeater seems be working much better since a Raspberry Pi swap was made. **Jeff N1ZZN** will continue to monitor for any problem recurrences.
  - Several member emails are no longer working. The attending membership was asked if anyone new of email changes for these members.
- **Jim W1JT** reviewed the proposal of having event committees w/specific leaders for the Whitman clubs 2015 events (ARRL Field Day, Flea Market, Marshfield Fair, Plimouth Plantation and the NEARFest events). A general discussion took place w/Jim encouraging members to volunteer to lead and/or participate in these committees. **Pete N1POO** suggests adding the request for committee leaders and participants to the club newsletter. A specific discussion regarding the Flea Market event took place w/various ideas being presented by **Brad W1AY**, **Billy K1UFO**, **Paul KB1MTW** and **Bob KA1KIJ**. **Ross W1EKG** suggests changing the Flea Market dates back to the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends to recapture the previously larger list of participating vendors. **Ross W1EKG** will bring the subject up on the next MOTA (meeting on the air). **Paul KB1MTW** suggests asking Richard at the K/C asap for Memorial and Labor Day hall availability.

#### New Business:

- **Paul KB1MTW** informed us **Pete N1POO** has been in touch w/Ruth Johnson (wife of recent sk **Bob Johnson N1VU**) and she thanks everyone for the cards/letters folks have sent regarding Bob. **Paul KB1MTW** believes Bob's amateur radio equipment most likely will become available at some point (details tbd). Paul reports he knows of a few other sources of equipment which might become available also. Paul suggests **Pete N1POO** inquire w/Ruth regarding Bob's equipment. Both **John W1IG** and Paul suggest we might be able to bring this equipment to NEARFest this year.
- **Paul KB1MTW** reminds us the ARRL Field Day event in June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> this year.
- **Paul KB1MTW** suggests a tech/hobby night where members can work on projects together with some instruction from knowledgeable members (antennas, connector soldering, tape measure beams, slinky dipoles, etc). **Ross W1EKG** suggests the training room at the Whitman Police station could be used. **Paul N1VTI** will teach PL259 coax assembly/soldering. **Larry K1LJK** suggests the Pine St. club house can

be used as a place to meet for this purpose during the warmer months.

- **Brad W1AY** recommends we use the **WA1NPO** call sign for the larger club events and use the **NI1X** call sign just for Field Day. Brad also suggests we consider adding a brief note in the newsletter as a memorial to **The Bruce**, the original **NI1X** callsign holder. Rather than voting on this now, Brad suggests we think about this and bring it up again in the future.
- **Jim W1JT** opened a discussion up about the clubs training plans given that both **Charlie W1CBR** and **Bill W1ACO** haven't been available unfortunately. (Mention was made wishing both the best with their health). **Ross W1EKG** volunteered to organize a training class held on Thursday nights, likely held at the Whitman Police station. **Paul KB1MTW** reminds everyone he was approached by a local CERT organization who recently graduated 16 folks, for an amateur radio training class for some, possible all of these folks. Paul will contact the CERT organization for more details on these folks. A general discussion then took place on different methods and structure of a technician training class.
- **Bill KC1CNP** inquired about 'Icom Points' which are points collected w/Icom equipment purchases and if the club is participating in this program. No one at the meeting had heard of this. Bill will investigate further and bring details to our next meeting.
- **Brad W1AY** asked when the CranLand airport fly-ins/breakfast will be starting again. **Ross W1EKG** informed us these will start the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in April (April 19<sup>th</sup>). Ross tells us he can't setup his field station at this opening event and run the Sunday Whitman public service net. **Paul N1VTI** volunteered to do this.

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

Motion passed quorum vote. **Jim W1JT** adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm 02/04/15.

End Secretary Report