

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 06/03/15



Paul Moss KB1MTW **Larry Kenney K1LJK** **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** **Jim Tovet W1JT**
Vice President Secretary Treasurer President

Photo by Jeff WK1D

ATTENDANCE: 38 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

KB1MTW Paul Moss

W1JT Jim Tovet

KB1IKH Elayne Tovet

KC1DWY John Ginsberg

WD1L John Nelson

K1UFO Billy Robinson

N1ISS Mark Sullivan

KC1ACG Fred Birtwell

N1FRE Bill Hayden

N1WCO Eric Pierce

K1JMA Joe Amorelli

W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser

SWL Scott Mitchell

K1LJK Larry Kenney

W1JGR John Rumble

WK1D Jeff Ayres

AG1B Richard Metcalf

WA1MAD Mike Davis

WI1G John Murphy

KA1CQD Fred Sandford

KB1MJL Elvin Marshall

N1EZH Barry Kennedy

KA1KIJ Bob Azanow

NM1F Jim Ford

N1VI Karen Trask

SWL Tom Macedo

N1SOM Jeff Tracy

N1IQI Loren Pimentel

WA1YKF Warren Dickie

N1CFB Chris Babbitt

KC1CNP Bill Goodwin

KC1ACF Mark Vess

WG1L Jim O'Rourke

KB1OEQ Ron Stundze

KB1CYV Roy Logan

KB1PFL Jim Madden

N1OYH Carl Davis

KB1TBC John Murphy

Secretary's Report:

President **Jim Tovet W1JT** called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, 06/03/15. A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer, **Jeff N1SOM** read the May 2015 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Bill N1FRE** with a second by **Barry N1EZH**. Motion passed quorum vote.

The May 2015 secretary's report was published on the club website. Motion to accept the report as published made by **Jeff WK1D**, with a second from **Joe K1JMA**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Jim W1JT and **Jeff N1SOM** presented a new member application in good standing to the club members from **SWL Scott Mitchell**. Motion to accept the application for new membership made by **Mark KC1ACF** with a second by **Barry WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome Jim!

Jim W1JT and **Jeff N1SOM** processed a new member application from **KC1DWY John Ginsberg** at the meeting and presented it in good standing for a club vote. Motion to accept the application made by **Mark KC12ACF** with a second by **Mike KB1OEP**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Get Well card to:

Charlie Amico W1CBR

Al Craddock WA1ZKK



NET CONROL for June 2015:

- **June 7th** : **Ross W1EKG**
- **June 14th** : **Jeff N1SOM**
- **June 21st** : **Bob KA1KIJ**
- **June 28th** : **TBD: Will be run @10am from the Field Day event.**

New Business:

- **Club elections:**
 - **Jim W1JT** announced not all ballots had been picked up from the clubs PO Box prior to the meeting so a count of votes can't be done at this time. It was suggested that within a day or so following the meeting, the ballots would be retrieved and a count of votes would be done with the results announced via an email to all club members and posted on the clubs website. *[Post meeting is was determined club officers should not count the votes but rather a few volunteers at our July meeting should count the votes]*

- **Field day, Saturday June 27th and Sunday June 28th:**
 - **Karen N1VI** confirmed she and **Steve W1OD** will be cooking lunch and dinner on the Saturday of Field Day. **Jim W1JT** passed along a msg from **Mike W1MSP** indicating he has plenty of eggs if a Sunday morning breakfast would like to be planned! Jim thanked Mike but this year only the Saturday meals will be prepared. If anyone would like to volunteer to cook a Sunday morning breakfast- the grills will be there.
 - **Karen N1VI** indicated she will notify **Jeff N1SOM** regarding reimbursement \$\$ spent for the food. The club had previously voted to allocated \$350, not to exceed \$400 for a Field Day food budget. Karen indicated **KB1CYV Roys** famous beans will be available for sure. Anyone else wishing to bring something, please do so.
 - **Paul KB1MTW** indicated the grills are at the Pine St. Club house. Paul will also check the propane fuel supply. Paul will be transporting the grills to the Field Day sight Saturday morning.
 - **Paul KB1MTW** assured the coolers from the club house will be there as well. Karen and Steve will also be bringing ice.
 - **Mark N1ISS** suggested the Restaurant Depot in Weymouth could be a purchasing option. They do offer buy 1 bag of ice/get one free.
 - **Paul KB1MTW** will be at the Pine St clubhouse at 8:15am Saturday morning. Paul could use a few folks to help load up equipment. **Jim KB1PFL** will be there and bring his trailer.
 - A general discussion took place regarding laptop use at Field Day for logging purposes. **Jeff N1SOM** requests either computer logging or paper logs be used but not both. **Mark KC1ACF** will not be using a laptop and a discussion took place on methods to enter Marks contacts into a computer log. Several folks indicated they will bring their own laptops running the N1MM logging software.
 - **Jim WG1L** offered to bring his generator. **Jeff N1SOM** will bring the clubs generator. **Jim KB1PFL** will bring his generator. **Bill N1FRE** also has a generator for use at Field Day if needed.
 - **Paul KB1MTW** has arranged for use of the YMCA field and will confirm again our use of it before Saturday.
 - **Jeff N1SOM** suggests the **NI1X** call sign will be used as our Field Day call. Motion to use the **NI1X** call made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **John WI1G**. Motion passed quorum vote. For the new club members, **Bill N1FRE** provided an explanation as to the origin of the NI1X call and why it's now a Whitman club callsign.
- **Training:**
 - **Jim WG1L** proposed the purchase of CW training CD's through the FIST club at no cost other than the shipping expense. **Jim WG1L** indicated we can purchase 15-60 sets. The CD's are created by **K7QO Charles Adams** from Arizona. **Jim WG1L** will get details for ordering 25 CD's.
 - **Ross W1EKG** reminded everyone of the Thursday night 7pm General training class he's running. Typically this meets at the Whitman police station. Ross expects to start a Technician class in July as well. *[post meeting is was confirmed the Technician class will be held on Tuesday night, July 7th and 14th 7pm at Whitman Police station]*

- **Repeater:**
 - **Larry K1LJK** proposed the purchase of a new Yaesu Fusion DR-1X digital/analog VHF/UHF repeater for the discounted cost of \$500. The discounted price is planned to end at the end of June. A general discussion took place on Fusion digital operations including the auto-switching capability between standard analog FM and the Fusion digital C4FM modes. **Mark KC1ACF** asked about the output wattage of both our current repeater and the new Fusion repeater as well as the input sensitivity in uVolts. **Paul KB1MTW** indicted the current repeaters output power is approx 12-15watts. The Fusion repeater max wattage output is 50watts. The input sensitivity spec is in the Fusion repeater flyer at the front table. Motion to purchase the Yaesu DR-1X Fusion repeater made by **Joe K1JMA** with a second by **Billy K1UFO**. Motion passed a quorum vote. A question was raised as to the availability of an extended warranty. This will be investigated.

- **Marshfield Fair August 21st – 30th 12 Noon-9:00 pm:**
 - **Bill N1FRE** asked if **Jeff N1SOM** will be sending the \$100 entrance fee to the fair? Jeff confirmed he has the details and will send in the fee. Bill offered to organize the booth sign up sheets (10 days, 2 shifts/day, 4 folks (ideally) per shift). Bill also requested 100 free passes for volunteers to park and gain access to the fair. Bill has also signed up our booth to participate in the Kids Passport program. Bill requested an up to date sign up sheet be shown on the clubs Website.

- **General:**
 - **Mike WA1MAD** reminded everyone this weekend the Museum Ships on the Air special event will be taking place.
 - **Richard AG1B** reminded everyone there will a Fox Hunt in the Plymouth area on Saturday June13th in conjunction with the Genesis Amateur Radio Society.
 - **Barry N1EZH** tells us this coming Saturday the Middleboro Old Colony YMCA road race will take place with the **MARA** club helping w/radio support. Folks will be meeting at the Dunkin Donuts at the corner of rt 138 and Rt 105 at 7:30am. Anyone wishing to help can join Barry there. **John N1UMJ** will be running net control. 145.770 Simplex and the MARA Bridgewater 147.180 repeater will be used as a backup.
 - **Ross W1EKG** reminded everyone the ragchew net is still taking place on Wednesday nights at 8pm on 28.333Mhz. Please join in.

Old Business:

- **Chris N1CFB** updated the club members with the results of the May30th and 31st Flea Market. Chris reports 13 vendors attended (more on Sat than Sunday) and the event did not lose money- in fact he estimates an approximate \$200 profit once all cash/checks etc. are counted. **Chris N1CFB** also announced the fall Flea Market will be on September 26th and 27th at the K/C hall in Whitman. Chris will have flyers made up for this event for everyone to take and distribute over the summer. **Paul KB1MTW** suggests keeping on the lookout for vendors throughout the summer.

- **Paul KB1MTW** indicated some money was made on items provided by private parties for consignment sale at the club table at the Flea Market. In general everyone agreed this was a good idea and should be done again. Paul agreed to continue w/this effort in the future. Anyone w/an interest in selling items at the club table on consignment w/a portion of the sale \$ going to the club, please see Paul.
- **Roy KB1CYV** indicated he recently visited **Al Craddock WA1ZKK**. Al hopes to be released from the hospital soon. Good luck Al.
- **Mark KC1ACF** introduced the idea of fixing the wooden walls/floors at the Pine St. Club house to keep out the animals. **Jim W1JT** proposed this to be just one of many steps in the repair of the clubhouse and encouraged a plan be formed for this. **Billy K1UFO, Mark KC1ACF** and **Paul KB1MTW** will meet and revive the plans for the club house repair made prior to this past difficult winter. **Paul KB1MTW** reminded everyone the antenna tower at the clubhouse is broken and needs to be taken down. **Mark KC1ACF** offerend to haul away the tower w/his van and trailer. **Paul KB1MTW** and **Billy K1UFO** to help. **Bill N1FRE** suggests cutting it up for scrap metal.
- A general discussion took place on various towers available to the club including **Bob Pratts** tower and antenna (mentioned by **Ross W1EKG**) and a tower in Brockton (mentioned by **Bill N1FRE**) which might work well as a replacement for the club house tower.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **John WI1G** with a second by **Joe K1JMA**.

Motion passed quorum vote. **Jim W1JT** adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm 06/03/15