

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 05/06/15



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

Photo by Jeff WK1D

ATTENDANCE: 42 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

KB1MTW Paul Moss	K1LJK Larry Kenney	K1JMA Joe Amorelli
N1SOM Jeff Tracy	W1JT Jim Tovet	W1JGR John Rumble
N1FRE Bill Hayden	KB1IKH Elayne Tovet	N1IQI Loren Pimentel
WK1D Jeff Ayres	N1EZH Barry Kennedy	AG1B Richard Metcalf
KB1CYV Roy Logan	KB1OEQ Ron Stundze	KA1CQD Fred Sandford
KC1FZ George Davis	N1OYH Carl Davis	NM1F Jim Ford
K1WGU Bob Bass	N1LQK Dave Kaplan	KB1OEP Mike Supple
N1COP Bob Woodbury Jr.	W1AKN Jack Buckley	N1BCE Jack Foley
KB1YFQ Wayne Robertson	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann	WA1YKF Warren Dickie
W1AXB Matt Paine	WA1MAD Mike Davis	KC1CNP Bill Goodwin
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser	KC1ACG Fred Birtwell	K1UFO Billy Robinson
WI1G John Murphy	KA1KIJ Bob Azanow	AB1CQ Garry Cumiskey
WD1L John Nelson	KA1DTA David Rezendes	KB1WNX Steve Lyons
N1ISS Mark Sullivan	SWL Scott Mitchell	SWL Paul Potter

Secretary's Report:

President **Jim Tovet W1JT** called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, 05/06/15. A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer, **Jeff N1SOM** read the April 2015 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Jeff N1ZZN** with a second by **John W1JGR**. Motion passed quorum vote. A question regarding the profit earned from equipment sales at the spring NEARFEST event

was asked. **Paul KB1MTW** reported sales of \$828 minus the consignment cost (\$657) paid to the equipment owners resulting in \$171 profit.

The April 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 presented a new member application in good standing to the club members from **John Bandzul K1JTB**. Motion to accept the application for new membership made by **John W1IG** with a second by **Barry N1EZH**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome Jim!

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

Get Well card to:

Al Craddock WA1ZKK

Sympathy card to:

Jim O'Rourke WG1L

John Murphy W1IG



NET CONROLS for April 2015:

- **May 10th** : **Richard AG1B**
- **May 17th** : **Bill N1FRE**
- **May 24th** : **Jim W1JT**
- **May 31st** : **TBD. Will be run @10am from K/C hall in Whitman during the club Flea Market.**

New Business:

- **Upcoming club elections:**
 - **Jim W1JT** reminds everyone ballots for the upcoming club election will be mailed out soon by **Jeff N1SOM** to club members who have paid their club dues. Members w/an outstanding dues payment will not receive a ballot and cannot vote in this years election.
 - **Bill N1FRE** reminded everyone nominations for club officers ends at the conclusion of tonights meeting- and as yet we do not have a nomination for the club president position. Bill suggests the board of directors could act as president if necessary, selecting one board member to act as president when needed. A general discussion followed.

- **Billy K1UFO** nominated **John W11G** for president. John accepted the nomination!
- **Bill N1FRE** nominated **Ron KB1OEQ** for the board of the directors position. Ron accepted the nomination!
- **Garry AB1CQ** nominated **John WD1L** for the board of directors position. John accepted the nomination!
- **Chris N1CFB** updated the club members on the current status for the clubs upcoming Flea Market (May30th and 31st, 8am-3pm rain or shine at the K/C hall in Whitman MA).
 - **Jack N1BCE** has donated double sided event signs! (Thanks Jack!). **Chris N1CFB** will have these soon for anyone who is willing to place these around in area towns. The signs should be placed one week before the Flea Market (during the Memorial Day weekend)
 - **Chris N1CFB** tells us a few vendors have signed on (half a dozen approx) but more are needed.
 - **Bill N1FRE** suggests the yellow Flea Market flyers be dropped off at area stores and supermarket bulletin boards. Also these can be taped into your car windows. **Roy KB1CYV**, **Jack N1BCE**, **John W11G**, **Wayne KB1YFQ**, **Bob KA1KIJ** and **Jeff WK1D** offered to take yellow flyers and distribute into area stores. A general discussion took place on other locations including other flea markets where flyers could be given out. **Joe K1JMA** indicated the Genesis club will be including our Flea market details in their club newsletter.
 - **Jim NM1N** will be attending a Flea Market at the K/C hall this weekend and will give out flyers.
 - **Jim W1JT** will investigate placing a Craigs List ad and also look at placing free ads in local area newspapers.
 - **Jeff N1ZZN** suggests the Whitman/Hanson express newspaper should place the ad for free in their community event section. Jeff will also investigate advertising on the Whitman/Hanson cable channel. Possibly the radio station WATD might provide free advertisement. **Chris N1CFB** will investigate. It's agreed **Bill N1FRE**'s Flea Market flyer will be used as the template for newspaper ads.
 - **Chris N1CFB** advises that vendor costs for Flea Market space will \$20 on Saturday and \$15 on Sunday. Vendors can leave a msg on the clubs voice-mail system (781-523-5010) or email to WA1NPO@gmail.com. **Jeff N1ZZN** will forward emails to **Chris N1CFB**. For folks w/last years Flea Market signs, Chris tells us he has date strips showing May 30/31st which will cover over last years dates.
 - It was decided the clubs repeater will periodically announce the Flea Market event. **Elayne KB1IKH** volunteered to record the announcement. **Chris N1CFB** will provide the script. **Jeff N1ZZN** will record the msg and install it on the repeater controller. It was decided the announcement will be made 5 minutes after the last activity on the repeater.
 - **Chris N1CFB** reviewed items the club will have for sale.
 - HF station from **Al Craddock WA1ZKK**
 - a 2 meter beam antenna from **Jim WG1L**
 - hand held tape measure/Fox hunt 2 meter beam antennas
 - assorted other donated equipment

Old Business:

- **Jeff N1ZZN** informed us of the new coax/hardline jumper he purchased for use on the Whitmans clubs repeater in an effort to improve its performance. Jumper & connectors/parts total approx \$164. Motion to pay **Jeff N1ZZN** for these parts made by **Bill N1FRE** with a second by **Joe K1JMA**. Motion passed quorum vote. Motion to allocate funds (approx \$100) to hire a climber to install these parts made by **Billy K1UFO** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.
- **Paul KB1MTW** suggests using the MARA/Bridgewater (147.180) repeater during times the Whitman repeater is not usable (ex: during the Sunday WARC public service net)-w/permission of the MARA club. **Barry N1EZH** (MARA club president) agreed and will inform the MARA club members via email to expect Whitman club net operations from time to time.
- **Ross W1EKG** informed us the recent CranLand field operation/net control went well. Also this springs NEAR-Fest event went well.
- **Paul KB1MTW** gave us a Pine Street/Quonset hut update:
 - The top of the antenna tower has rusted off and antenna is now hanging down. A general discussion took place regarding other tower options (Bob Pratts tower, Bob Johnsons tower pending Mrs Johnsons approval). Also mentioned was Al Craddocks tri-band beam needs to be taken down.
 - **Paul KB1MTW** tells us flooring material is available for use in the quonset hut. **Billy K1UFO**, **Fred KC1ACG**, **Dave KC1QMX** and **Bill KC1CNP** volunteered to help w/the flooring project.
- **Roy KB1CYV** brought to everyones attention the Dollars for Scholars program and asked if we intend to make our typical (\$500) donation to the Whitman/Hanson high school. A general discussion took place. A motion to donate \$500 this year to the Dollars for Scholars program made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Joe K1JMA**. Motion passed quorum vote. **Jim W1JT** may do a presentation at the school when the donation is presented.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **John W1IG** with a second by **Joe K1JMA**.

Motion passed quorum vote. **Jim W1JT** adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm 05/06/15