



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Jan 03, 2024

Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT Treasurer	Chris Babbitt N1CFB Vice President	Bob Azanow WA1Q Secretary (via Zoom)	Jeff Ayres WK1D President
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ATTENDANCE: 37

Members and guests were social isolated at the K of C and on Zoom including 4 elected officers. Members and guests attended in person and via ZOOM. Photo by Mike K1UVH Thank you Ross W1EKG for running ZOOM!!

WA1Q Bob Azanow	KG1U Mike Bennett	WI1G John Murphy
WA1RIW Rich Carnes	AC1GA Gary Ahrendts	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
N1IQI Loren Pimental	AG1B Richard Metcalf	N1CFB Chris Babbitt
WK1D Jeff Ayres	W6TOM Tom Murphy	KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti
W1AY Brad Wilson	KB1MTW Paul Moss	KC1TNP Peter Bernazzani
KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy	KC1OZE Ed Warchal	KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy
KB1OEP Mike Supple	N1BSO John Laiosa	W1MBH Scott Mitchell
KC1SJS Allen Lipkind	WD1L John Nelson	K1TWH Tom Howey
KC1TNH Adam Faxon	K1GMD Bill Heally	WA1MAD Mike Davis
WB1GSQ Teddy Cullen	KC1JKW Andy Lyne	N1SYC Bob Holland
K1UVH Mike Antoine	KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwell	N1SOM Jeff Tracy
KC1OHB Susan Warchal	WG1WG Bill Gundel	KC1RAE John Dorney
N4NMF Barry Kennedy		

**** 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 01/03/24.

A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

Bob WA1Q posted both the Nov and Dec 2023 **meeting notes** on the club website.

A motion to accept the Nov. 2023 as read made by **Allen KC1SJS** with a second by **Gary AC1GA**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

A motion to accept the Dec. 2023 as read made by **Gary AC1GA** with a second by **Robert KC1KIS**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Tom KC1KIT read the Dec. 2023 **treasurer's report** which the secretary emailed to the members. A motion to accept as read made by **Brad W1AY** with a second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**. Richard reports there are 3 cards in the mail. He will update us at the Feb meeting. Please let Richard know if there is anyone we should be sending a card to. Thank you to Richard for taking care of the H & W.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Jan 07, 2024 to Feb 04, 2024:

- Jan 07th: Paul W1GTX
- Jan 14th: Jeff WK1D
- Jan 21st: Ted WB1GSQ
- Jan 28th: Jeff N1SOM
- Feb 04th: Jeff WK1D

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

NO new members or callsign updates for the January meeting.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Ross will attempt to start an "Extra" class first quarter 2024. If there is not enough interest then Ross will work on starting a "Technician" class in the spring of 2024. Information will be posted on the Website.

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 working well. The Controller is working well. Our Echo-link connection is working well. The Yaesu repeater is a challenge and being worked on. 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.

NEW & Old Business

A big Welcome to **Barry N4NMF** who was visiting Massachusetts from Florida for the holidays and was able to attend the meeting in person for the first time in many years. Barry also very nicely donated a 220 transceiver to the club. The radio formerly belonged to **The Bruce N11X SK** who we all miss. A big **Thank You** for the radio and attending.

Jeff WK1D reminded folks that dues were due at the meeting. Jeff also updated the group that **Jeff N1SOM** had filed the required paperwork online for our 501(C)(3). We are waiting for the state to email the other contacts for confirmations.

Jeff WK1D, AED discussion for service contract. After discussion a motion was made by **Scott W1MBH** and Second by **Brad W1AY** to reject a service contract. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

A motion by Sue **KC1OHB** to do normal replacement service for the battery and pads when needed by the club and contact CF Medical if and when pads are needed. For example. If a new battery is needed or we cannot do it ourselves. Motion was seconded by **Bob N1SYC**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Note: the batteries are good for 4 to 5 years. The unit always does a battery system and self-check and will notify the user of any failures.

Jeff WK1D has a few suggestions for by-law changes. One suggestion would be for uncontested elections. If there is only one candidate for each office, then the club will not have to send out ballots. There is a provision in Roberts Rules that would allow a quorum vote to accept this. Jeff will work on the updates and we will share them with the membership. **Chris N1CFB** also reiterated this so the folks at home on Zoom could hear it.

Jeff WK1D brought up a discussion that we do not have in the by-laws who is responsible for filing the required paperwork to keep our 501 (C)(3) current. It is now on-line with the IRS and the state and must be filed electronically yearly. The by-law update suggestions will have that information.

In the last meeting **Barry N4NMF** asked about using PayPal to pay dues. As discussed, that is possible but there is a small charge for PayPal and one thought be to offset the current dues by the fee.

For example: The fee might be \$26 instead of \$25 etc. to cover the cost which is a little more than mailing in a check.

Bob WA1Q looked into using PayPal and as discussed if you already have a PayPal account you can pay your dues via PayPal. You have to specify the Whitman ARC PayPal account and enter the amount you wish to pay. We do not have a link setup on our website. We have had a few folks pay that way already. One member paid \$25 and covered the fee and one paid us \$30. It worked. **Bob WA1Q** will look into setting up a link on the website as well like we have for Winterfest.

Chris N1CFB Updated on Winterfest. He has most of the prizes already. **Bob WA1Q** reported that a number of tables have been purchased already through PayPal. We will give an update in the Feb. meeting. **Heather W1AZU** volunteered to do the food at the event this year. Thank you Heather in advance.

Mike K1UVH reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill will be Saturday Jan 27th 9AM.

Tom KC1KIT brought up sending a bill out for dues. After discussion the club members get plenty of reminders now to pay their dues for the following year. It was also mentioned that maybe an areas email could be sent to folks that have not paid up in time. We will look into that.

Motion to adjourn was made by **John WI1G** with a second by **Brad W1AY**.
Motion passed a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the meeting about 8:00 PM, **01/03/2024**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Feb. 07, 2024 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The Jan **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Jan. 17th at 7:38PM**.

The **MOTA** Net will be followed by the **10 Meter 28.333 Rag Chew Net**.