



[Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Apr 03, 2024](#)

Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT Treasurer	Chris Babbitt N1CFB Vice President	Bob Azanow WA1Q Secretary	Jeff Ayres WK1D President
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ATTENDANCE: 36

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	W1IG John Murphy	KB1FBA Bob Mahoney
AG1B Richard Metcalf	KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
N1IQI Loren Pimental	N1CFB Chris Babbitt	KG5VXY Mike Madonna
WK1D Jeff Ayres	N1DH Dan Heather	KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti
KB1MTW Paul Moss	KC1OZE Ed Warchal	W6TOM Tom Murphy
KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy	N1QE Jack Foley	WA1MWF Larry Leblanc
KB1OEP Mike Supple	N1BSO John Laiosa	KC1RAE John Dorney
WA1MAD Mike Davis	K1UVH Mike Antoine	N1SOM Jeff Tracy
WG1WG Bill Gundel	N4NMF Barry Kennedy	KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik
WD1L John Nelson	KC1TNH Adam Faxon	KC1SJS Allen Lipkind
W1MBH Scott Mitchell	W1GTX Paul Delory	NK1U Jim Whedbee
N1NTM Mike Nye	K1TWH Tom Howey	WB1GSQ Teddy Cullen

Note: 11 members participated via Zoom.

**** 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.

Congratulations to KC1TNH Adam Faxon passing the General Class exam. Enjoy your new privileges!!!!

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 04/03/24.

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

Bob WA1Q posted the Mar 2024 **meeting notes** on the club website.

A motion to accept the Mar 2024 as read made by **Mike WA1MAD** with a second by **Paul KB1MTW**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Tom KC1KIT read the Mar 2024 **treasurer's report** which the secretary emailed to the members. A motion to accept as read made by **Allen KC1SJS** with a second by **Mike WA1MAD**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**. Richard reports there were 2 cards sent. First card went to **Chris KB1MTW** for the loss of his mom. Our sincerest condolences from the club. The second card cheer up went to Gary NA1R for a medical procedure. 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 Apr 07, 2024 to May 05, 2024:

- Apr 07th: Jeff WK1D
- Apr 14th: Paul W1GTX
- Apr 21st: Ross W1EKG Live at Cranland Airport Hanson MA first fly-in breakfast 2024
- Apr 28th: Jeff N1SOM
- May 05th Jeff WK1D

***New Members and Call sign updates:

NO new members or callsign updates for the Feb meeting.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Ross reported that the Technician class was going well. The class will conclude with a VE session on Thursday April 4th at 7:00PM. Information is posted on the Website for up and coming classes. A big thank you from the club to the training crew and the students as well.

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 still giving trouble. They will bring it to Bridgewater to do testing and update us at the next meeting. 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. Also thank you to **Steve "Ho" KC1HO** for all you do as well.

NEW & Old Business

Ross W1EKG reported that the spring Near-fest 2024 due to a scheduling problem at the Deerfield Fairgrounds and will be held on Thursday April 24th + Friday April 25th, 2024. The gates will open early at 7AM on Thursday and Friday. Ross has Nearfest tickets from Mr. Mike including the Camping.

Last month **Jeff WK1D** welcomed new ham **Kevin Durette KC1UEH** who is a Cohasset Firefighter Paramedic to the meeting. Thank you for attending. This picture was on the Cohasset Fire Facebook Page from a few years back.



Cohasset Firefighter Paramedic Kevin Durette hangs on to the twenty-six (26) year old cat that he saved from the Nichols Road fire today. Great job Kevin! — with [Cohasset Firefighters Local 2804](#).

Jack N1QE also mentioned the Marshfield Fair 2024 is set as well. The dates will be Friday Aug 16th to Sunday Aug 25th. We will setup on Thursday Aug 15th and break down Monday Aug 25. We will work on sign-up sheets for the event and we will have updates posted on the club's website.

Jeff WK1D mentioned we had a board of directors meeting. **Bob WA1Q** was able to procure the Whitman Library meeting room. We discussed the by-law changes which we shared at the April meeting. A lively discussion entailed on the wording of the bylaw changes during the April meeting. Thank you to all who provided feedback and suggestions. We will vote on the updated by-laws at the May meeting. **Jeff WK1D** will finalize the changes and we will email the updated changes to the members.

Jeff WK1D brought up the subject of Field Day and purchasing new grills. Maybe 2 small one's vs 1 large one. A motion was made by **Teddy WB1GSQ** and second by **Ross W1EKG** up to \$500 for new grills in the March Meeting and passed with a quorum vote. Good chance it will not be that expensive. Teddy WB1GSQ, Bob WA1Q and Jeff WK1D will be going to Lowes to purchase the grille.

Mike K1UVH reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday April 20th 9AM. Rain date usually the next Saturday. It's always a fun time. Mike NA1XX is usually the chef and brings up an excellent dish. There was a great turnout the last one.

Bob WA1Q was set to do a presentation on **DMR** with and similar digital protocols at the April meeting with **Jeff AJ1L's** help but the weather was bad. We postponed it to the May meeting.

The subject of elections came up. It was asked if anyone wanted to run for the Officer and board members positions. The current officers stated they would like to keep their positions for another year. We also have board of director position expiring. **Scott W1MBH** indicated he would like to run

for one of the board of director's positions. One position will be filled by the past president. Scott was nominated by **Allen KC1SJS** seconded by **Paul KB1MTW**. If Scott is unopposed, we will have a vote at the June meeting as the bylaw states. If Scott is opposed, we will have to do mail ballots. More info to follow after the May meeting.

Paul KB1MTW mentioned he is still willing to run a class to build a tape measure beam for portable use or fox hunting. We will look at having a class in the spring.

The Subject of Nearfest 2024 came up. **John WI1G** mentioned we will share our spot with Pi and K1USN this time as we do not have all of items to bring up. The gates will open at 7AM this time. No early admission. Also, the dates had to be changed to Thursday and Friday April 25th and 26th due to a scheduling conflict at the Deerfield Fairgrounds.

Jeff WK1D mentioned the Weymouth food pantry run at Wampatuck State Park on June 15th. We are pretty well set for volunteers but we could always use a few more. Please contact Jeff if you can make it. We will use the Norwell 145.250 repeater for communications and 146.535 direct as our back up. We will do a dry run there to make sure that will work.

Motion to adjourn was made by **John WI1G** with a second by **John N1BSO**.

Motion passed a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the meeting about 7:45 PM, **04/03/2024**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed May 01st 2024 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The March **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Apr. 17th at 7:30PM**

The **MOTA** Net will be followed by the **10 Meter 28.333 Rag Chew Net** about 8PM.