

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 03/04/15



Paul Moss KB1MTW
Vice President

Larry Kenney K1LJK
Secretary

Jeff Tracy N1SOM
Treasurer

Jim Tovet W1JT
President

Photo by Jeff WK1D

ATTENDANCE: 36 members were present including 4 elected officers

K1LJK Larry Kenney
N1SOM Jeff Tracy
KB1IKH Elayne Tovet
KB1BBT Charlie McCarthy
KB1OEQ Ron Stundze
KC1ACF Mark Vess
N1POO Pete Carlson
KA1CQD Fred Sanford
KA1DTA David Rezendes
N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
K1UFO Billy Robinson
KB1QMX Dave Beauvais

KB1MTW Paul Moss
N1IQI Loren Pimentel
N1VTI Paul Burbine
N1EZH Barry Kennedy
KB1PFL Jim Madden
W1IG John Murphy
AG1B Richard Metcalf
W1JGR John Ruppel
W1GRC Garry Cumiskey
KC1CNP William Goodwin
N1CFB Chris Babbitt
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser

W1JT Jim Tovet
WD1L John Nelson
WK1D Jeff Ayres
W1MSP Mike Petrou
K1JMA Joe Amorelli
W1OD Steve Cohn
KA1KIJ Bob Azanow
KC1JET Jim Tynan
WA1YKF Warren Dickie
KC1ACG Fred Birtwell
WA1MAD Mike Davis
W1AY Brad Wilson

Secretary's Report:

President **Jim Tovet W1JT** called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, 03/04/15. A quorum was present.

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

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

Get Well card to:

Don Keene KA1PJK



Treasurer, **Jeff N1SOM** read the February 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 February 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 **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

NET CONROLS for March 2015:

- **March 8th : Jeff N1SOM**
- **March 15th : Ross W1EKG**
- **March 22nd : Jeff WK1D**
- **March 29th : Bill N1FRE**

NEW MEMBER:

Jim W1JT and **Jeff N1SOM** presented to the club a qualified new membership application from **Don Wilkerson KC1CDY**. Motion to accept the new membership application made by **Mark KC1ACF** with a second by **Jim KC1JET**. Motion passed a quorum vote. Congratulations Don! Welcome to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club.

Old Business:

- **Jeff N1ZZN** reports he recently replaced the Raspberry Pi computer running EchoLink on the club repeater. Since then, there's been no further reports of EchoLink issues. Several members agreed.
- **Jeff N1ZZN** and **Jim W1JT** are continuing to work on the Plimouth Plantation QSL certificates. Jim introduced the idea of issuing certificates in PDF format rather than printing out and mailing hardcopy certificates. **Steve W1OD** recalls receiving some professionally printed contest certificates by sending a small amount of \$ with the request. **Paul N1VTI** recommends 'Green Stamps' be used if we decide to do this. Motion to issue PDF format QSL certificates in the future unless special circumstances require a printed certificate (ex: recipient does not have email) made by **Joe K1JMA** with a second by **Mark KC1ACF**. Motion passed quorum vote.
- **Ross W1EKG** updated everyone on the February MOTA (Meeting On The Air) held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm on the Whitman clubs repeater. Ross reports about 10 folks checked-in. **Mike WA1MAD** suggests an approx 1hr limit w/the MOTA so the repeater is not tied up too long.
- **Jim W1JT** brought up use of the quonset hut in the future as spring and summer eventually get here. Jim suggests setting up stations for use on weekends possibly. A general discussion took place and this was seen as a favorable idea.

New Business:

- **Steve W1OD** informed all of us that he and **Karen N1VI** will again volunteer for food preparation for the Whitman clubs Field Day event this year (held on the last wkend of June: the 27th and 28th). The club membership was very pleased! There was a general discussion on preparing a Sunday morning breakfast as well. (There were only a few folks interested last year). **Billy K1UFO** suggests a sign-up be done for breakfast. A show of hands indicated about 50% of the meeting participants would be interested in a Sunday breakfast. **Steve W1OD** won't be available for a Sunday breakfast prep but **Karen N1VI** may be and could possibly enlist the help of **Bob K1NOK**. **Elayne KB1IKH** reminded us we did a Dunkin Donut muffins/bagels/box's of Joe last year and folks did like this. **Mike W1MSP** has chickens and ducks and will donate plenty of eggs!
- **Paul KB1MTW** volunteered again this year to be equipment manager for this years Field Day event.
- **Steve W1OD** announced a **K1USN** club special event taking place on the second Saturday of August (August 8th - note the recent date change from September), 9am-3pm at the former Naval Air Station South Weymouth (now Southfield). The event will commemorate the historic flight of naval blimp 'Snow Goose' to the North Pole and back while the USS Nautilus submarine traveled under the polar ice cap. Steve expects two stations to be setup; one at the A4 Skyhawk Jet memorial and the other at

the Shea Naval Aviation Museum. 20 and 40 meter HF stations are expected w/operations running similar to the **K1USN** Museum Ships On The Air yearly event. Steve also announced a new amateur radio club is being formed at the former Naval Air Station. Steve expects the vanity call **W1NAS** to be used. Also note: the regularly scheduled VE exams normally taking place at **K1USN** Saturday August 8th will take place at the Shea Museum for that date only.

- **Steve W1OD** suggests a spring get together honoring **Bill Needham K1WN** for his years of service as VE session manager at **K1USN** and all he's done for amateur radio overall. Anyone w/suggestions please let Steve know. Emails will be sent to the club roster once details are put in place.
- **Brad W1AY** suggests **WA1NPO** t-shirts and/or Polo shirts be made available similar to the **K1USN** t-shirts which Steve designed, using the new **WA1NPO** club logo Steve designed two years ago. A general discussion took place on the subject. **Jim W1JT** suggests all members should be notified of the intended t-shirt/polo shirt idea and provide input on which logo to use. **Jim KC1JET** suggests an email to all members requesting a response on this issue. **Billy K1UFO** suggests having several club logo's would be ok. **Barry N1EZH** highlighted costs involved w/shirt preparations (seen w/recent **MARA** club logo shirt orders). **Paul KB1MTW** suggests adding the logo decision (old vs. new or keep both) to our upcoming June election ballot so every voting club member has a say in this. It's felt a graphic image of each logo should be included on the ballot. Motion to add this question to our June ballot made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Barry N1EZH**. Motion passed a quorum vote.
- **Jim W1JT** reminded everyone to be thinking about the upcoming nominations in April and May for club officer and (one) board member for the club election held in June.
- **Ross W1EKG** spoke about ideas/plans for future training classes. A General level class was mentioned recently along w/the need for Tech classes. Ross will have more detailed training plans to present at the April meeting. **Paul N1VTI** reminds us of a very good PowerPoint training presentation that was available in the past. **Paul KB1MTW** remembers this as well but it's whereabouts are unknown. **Jim KC1JET** mentioned it may be now out of date. It was also mentioned **Chris N1IR**, the training officer from the Genesis Amateur Radio Society hosts an online technician training class on his website (<http://www.n1ir.com>). **Paul KB1MTW** reminds us of the recent CERT training graduates (from 8 or so area towns), some of whom are interested in becoming ham radio licensed. Paul will pass CERT contact info to Ross. Paul also reminds us our club should be able have class schedules listed w/the ARRL.
- **Jim W1JT** reminds us we need leadership for this year's Flea Market event(s).
- **Barry N1EZH** tells us of the MARA special event taking place Saturday March 7th from 10am-4pm onboard the USS Massachusetts in Fall River. This a **W1BSA** (Boy Scouts Of America) event. 10, 20 and 40 Meter HF frequencies will be used.

- **Joe K1JMA** updated everyone on the initial plans for this years Plimouth Plantation special event in the fall. Joe investigated and found details regarding the Plantations community partners program, which starts w/a membership. These vary widely in cost w/the entry level being \$250/year. The level membership includes 5 entry passes to the Plantation, the Mayflower ship and the Griss Mill. Also included are 5 passes to the Plantation movie theater and a business card size space for advertisement in their weekly cinema flyer. **Ross W1EKG** agreed a donation of this nature to the Plantation which hosts us each year at Thanksgiving for our special event purposes would be a good idea. **Mark KC1ACF** reminds us of several contacts he has who requested us to move our event to the week before Thanksgiving. **Garry W1GRC** suggests the Plantation may not realize we are not a public broadcasting organization or that a majority of our contacts are 500+ miles away. They may believe we're bringing in local folks to the Plantation. **Paul KB1MTW** suggests we may have alot fewer participants for the antenna party on Friday if we move to the week before Thanksgiving. **Ross W1EKG** suggests we may have more exposure to the local public w/more traffic at the Plantation the week before Thanksgiving. This is to be investigated.
- **Jim KC1JET** informed us the Pilgrim Amateur Radio Club in Taunton has started it's first Extra level training class, with 6 participants.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **John W1IG** with a second by **John W1JGR**.

Motion passed quorum vote. **Jim W1JT** adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm 03/04/15