



# Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Meeting

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (Wa1JMM) convened the annual meeting at 7:00 pm.

The secretary's report and treasurer's report were read and accepted.

## OLD BUSINESS

The battery for the K1PQ (444.950) repeater on Stickney hill was replaced at a cost of \$100.

If necessary to reset the repeater be sure to disconnect not only the primary, but also the battery backups as well. (instructions may be off – correct if necessary)

The ARES Base Camp Exercise at Camp Roosevelt (lead by Oxford County or Waldo County EMA) will be on June 20-21 (We had dates wrong here – actual was June 6-7)

The Piscataquis River Race is set for May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. The repeater was set up Friday morning ahead of the race.

We may have some scouts helping at the race.

There are now concerns of the water now being too low.

Brian Woodward ?

Dr. Kelly ?

As of this meeting the race is still on.

Checkpoints were discussed and some may be unmanned this year depending on if others can show up to help.

We will use 146.400 Simplex between the ATV bridge and finish line (FRS was discussed but was not used this year)

## Sebec River Race

This race was attended by Dave (KB1WRZ), Debbie (KB1WRY) and Ben (WA1PBR) it was a good race.

Payment of Annual Dues are due this month.

The Annual elections stand thus:

President – George Dean – WA1JMM

Vice President - Bill Welsh – KB1WEA

Kevin Carman (W1KMC) to serve as a Deputy VP for this year working with Bill to possibly take VP sometime in the future.

Secretary – Debbie Ellis – K1DAE (I was Voluntold ☺ )

Treasurer – Ben Kittridge – WA1PBR

## NEW BUSINESS

### Hamfest

Rob, Kevin (W1KMC), Ben (WA1PBR), and George (WA1JMM) will meet before the date to go over the site with ROB as George will be away for the hamfest this year and Rob has agreed to do the announcements this year – Kevin and Debbie will help, save for VE Testing at 9:00AM.

Prizes of a Ham Radio Outlet Gift Certificate as Grand Prize, with ARRL Gift Certificate, Kits N' Pieces Gift Certificate and a 1 Year membership to PARC with Hat as additional prizes.

As we are getting low on hats, Kevin (W1KMC) will try to find a new source (Kevin asked if the club ever had matching red shirts – will ask on those as well)

BBQ or Picnic for Stickney Hill ?

Foxhunt?

Field Day is June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Dave's camp on the Sebec River. Dave can pick people up at the Milo boat launch or if you have a suitable vehicle you can drive there. – Hotdogs, hamburgers, and chicken will be served at the camp at around 1:00 and continue throughout the day.

Terry (N1RCU) said he had gone to the national disaster conference and that the ARRL had been used for a few of the recent hurricanes. Hurricane Harvey was a non-event for amateur radio usage, whereas both Hurricane Irma and Maria were major ham radio events – We as amateur radio operators need to adopt the motto Semper Gumby (Always Flexible) and with Puerto Rico there was 100% power loss

It was mentioned that the American Legion (Brownville) has programs for getting youth amateur radio clubs started and running, we just need some hams to help. W1KMC suggested getting in touch with Phil Duggan (N1EP) as he is now doing a similar thing in Washington County (Millbridge) called Kids RadioActive, that he may be a good resource.

Terry also mentioned he is moving out of our area of Maine a bit further south. We will miss him and have many more hats to fill now – Good Luck Terry

There will be no Brownville to KI dog sled race next year.

Net control stations for the 147.105 PARC net for the month

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dave KB1WRZ | May 30<sup>th</sup> – Kevin W1KMC | June 6<sup>th</sup> – George WA1JMM

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Debbie KB1WRY | June 20<sup>th</sup> – Kevin W1KMC

Hermon Hamfest is June 2<sup>nd</sup> – George will be there for VE

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis (incoming Secretary)