



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the August 28th, 2018 Meeting

In attendance were: WA1JMM-George, KB1WEA-Bill, K1DAE-Debbie, WA1PBR-Ben, N1MRT-Ray, KB1WRZ-Dave, KB1WRY-Debbie, W1KMC-Kevin, Rob (Working), KB1ROS-Terry, KB1RBP-Joan

GUESTS: Karen

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 6:55 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's was accepted but not read as technical difficulties and lack of hard copy were unavailable. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 2,164.99

OLD BUSINESS

Three Rivers Ham Fest – report was given on the hamfest and thanks to Dave, Rob, and Don St. Cyr.

From N1BUG-Paul Kelley via KB1WEA-Bill, he is active on 2200 meters. Paul was the first person to make a trans-atlantic contact on 2200.

Bill also discussed a 40-meter single-element rotatable antenna. Stickney Hill repeater is providing good area coverage for the 440MHz (70cm) band. K1PQ repeater is also doing well.

Hats and shirts – Kevin has gotten the club logo digitized at Logomotion in Brewer (They'll embroider it on anything we need). George suggested that Kevin contact Berg in Corinth as they had done work for PARC in the past. – Discussion tabled until September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ARES – the general consensus is to leave radio clubs out, they are not being called anyways. The motion was made to officially disband the Piscataquis County ARES group, passed – (George will inform the State coordinator of the decision).

Debbie (KB1WRY) pointed out an article in the September QST on restructuring from the ARRL point of view.

For next year's Piscataquis River race a suggestion was made to use simplex on Doughty Hill with a mobile unit with a 75 Watt transmitter – Since the meeting Bill had come up with a simplex repeater-type relay where 'field units' would receive on 147.105 BUT transmit on simplex frequency of 144.500. The 'repeater Relay' would listen on the Simplex frequency of 144.500 and Transmit it back on the 147.705 (input of N1BUG), and the N1BUG sends it back so the field units can hear it (the diagram is on the Piscataquis ARC page on Facebook, if interested) – this may have been tested this past Sunday after the breakfast at Elaine's.

The question was raised again about a generator for club use, mainly for field day – tabled again.

Ben suggested a gathering outside of regular meetings to work on projects, etc. To that end, there will be a breakfast meeting on Sunday September 23rd at 9:00 am at Elaine's in Milo.

Dave mentioned connecting with the Sunday 12-County Net through the Dixmont (146.8500 -.600 100.00hz) repeater. Kevin used to run the net every other Sunday but radio issues are not helping now.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

August 29th – W1KMC-Kevin | September 5th – WA1JMM-George | 12th – KB1WRZ-Dave | 19th – W1KMC-Kevin* | *Due to radio issues WA1JMM ran the 19th net.

Acknowledgements:

Everyone who worked at the Hamfest

Next Meeting will be September 25th, 2018 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office. Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm.

ADDENDUM:

Kevin reported on the website, he is making some progress on it (Home page and a Contact us page (with the club phone numbers on it) ar done, working on a repeater(s) page with info and our nets on it.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.