



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the May 22nd, 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 26th 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 23rd and 24th 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 23rd – Dave KB1WRZ | May 30th – Kevin W1KMC | June 6th – George WA1JMM

June 13th – Debbie KB1WRY | June 20th – Kevin W1KMC

Hermon Hamfest is June 2nd – George will be there for VE

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis (incoming Secretary)



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Secretary's Report for the June 26th, 2018 Meeting

In attendance were: George – WA1JMM, Bill – KB1WEA, Debbe E. – K1DAE, Ben – WA1PBR, Debbe K. KB1WRY, Dave – KB1WRZ, Kevin – W1KMC and Rob – working on it GUESTS: Karen

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

The secretary's report and treasurer's report were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,982.43

Stickney Hill repeater is running fine. The K1PQ changed the network to run on 5GHz from Stickney Hill to Milo.

Stickney Hill Reboot, Bill will consult the manual. The ARES Base Camp drill at Camp Roosevelt in June, George missed due to wrong date.

OLD BUSINESS

PARC website (k1pq.club) is being worked on, Kevin has ideas but as to implementation or if is useful remains to be seen. He also has other irons in the fire and is trying not to get burned. ☺

The Three Rivers Hamfest scheduled for August 04th is coming up. George has some of the prizes already set and ready to go.

\$100.00 Gift Certificate from HRO (Ham Radio Outlet) is grand prize

\$ 10.00 Gift Certificate from the Adapter Guy in Wisconsin

We need someone to sell tickets/admission 'troll' – Dave has stepped up to do that (this is where Terry and Margie were so we had to replace them as they will not be there this year)

Admission is \$5.00 / person

The club roster that was given to Kevin to update and maintain was given to Ben and George's copy was relayed via Ben on Field Day.

A Club newsletter was brought up as the club used to have one but need a new editor if we wanted to do it again. This may be a use for the K1PQ website as the program has a newsletter function that people can sign up for. Maybe in the future?

Also brought up were if we wanted to start issuing membership cards. Kevin says not hard to design and print, but are they necessary? If anything maybe something to hand out to folks listing the repeaters, and the times of the nets, kind of like what Kevin did for Pine State. (theirs is double sided and does not list the club phone number, yes PARC has one too). See Kevin if you haven't seen the cards for PSARC.

Also the subject of how to distribute the minutes, email or if there are errata to resend. Maybe another use for K1PQ.Club site as a part of the newsletter idea.

NEW BUSINESS

The subject of ordering more hats as we are getting low came up and Kevin said he would do some looking around. He went to a company in Brewer called LogoMotion and here is what we found out:

Hats are \$10.00 – and Debbie, we CAN get unconstructed ones (no plastic on inside)

T-Shirts would be \$12.00 and Polos would be \$16.00 and XL+ add \$2.00 per X size – want name and call sign too on other side? Add \$3.00

There is a \$15.00 one-time digitizing charge, which Kevin paid already (he did his own logo to so no receipt. No reimbursement asked for.

Their lead time is 2 weeks so, not ready for Hamfest by the time of the meeting.

He forgot to ask about patches but will when the order for hats is placed. We do have a catalog to see about styles and colors that we can order.

Field Day we had 125 CW contacts, 151 Phone (SSB) and 12 PSK, close to 300 contact. Dave and Debbie given great thanks for hosting field day this year. Dave and Steve (KD1OM) made other contacts as well at 3:am

Bill and the Sebec River Race. Bill had some concerns on contacting Emergency services to those off-the-grid. Some suggestions were a phone autopatch, Kevin may be able to do something as part of the Club Phone project, but nowhere near ready for that. Also suggested was Winlink (Radio Email) but that needs internet to work. Milo Fire was at the race.

Net control stations for the 147.105 PARC net for the month

June 27th – Dave - KB1WRZ | July 04th – Bill – KB1WEA | July 11th – Kevin – W1KMC

July 18th – Debbie - KB1WRY | July 25th – George – WA1JMM

Acknowledgements:

Donald Goudreau – WA1AKV/SK

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis -- Secretary



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Secretary's Report for the July 24th, 2018 Meeting

In attendance were: George – WA1JMM, Bill – KB1WEA, Debbe E. – K1DAE, Ben – WA1PBR, Kevin – W1KMC, Rob -- working on it, Ray – N1MRT, and Don – KC1DUR GUESTS: None

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,951.01

Stickney Hill repeater is running fine. Bill reports a good link between Milo and Sebec has been established and is being tested each week on the 440. K1PQ is also running well.

OLD BUSINESS

Hamfest, Rob was given the box of gear for tickets and ARRL stuff, and door prizes to be brought to the August 4th Hamfest. – Don (KC1DUR) is in charge of food: hamburgers, hot dogs, Elaine's donuts. Kiwanis has a grill we can use, we will pay for the propane as needed. ARES meeting will be between 10:00 and 10:30 at the Hamfest, and exams will start at 9:00 AM. Dave (KB1WRZ) will be the 'Gate keeper' Troll (ticket man). George will put the signs up before he leaves on August first, tailgaters are welcome. Mike(?) will be in charge of the fox hunt.

ARES Report – George is considering stepping down as EC due to 'life issues' . After a brief discussion, Bill proposed, seconded by Ben, that PARC remove itself from Piscataquis ARES. During this discussion Kevin brought up that Penobscot ARES is in transition, Penobscot ARES is now meeting exclusively at the American Red Cross on Exchange Street in Bangor. The group has not formally decided to disband or not. That question may be resolved at their next meeting.

George was asking for \$ 200.00 to purchase a generator for club use. However someone (N1MRT Kevin thinks), offered to let the club use his spare generator.

The LogoMotion catalog was brought in so people could see all the wstuff they can put the K1PQ logo on. Hats will be one of them but styles of shirts and such would be a preference. Kevin says style doesn't matter so much as club color is red and logo in Gold/white. Further discussion on new shirts was tabled until August meeting.

K1pq.club is being worked on, Kevin is making slow progress (life keeps getting in the way) – added a visitor tracker and working on 'layout stuff' first.

NEW BUSINESS

Ben attended the New England Forest Rally, held in Sunday River. 200 participants, this kind of rally is bigger in Europe than here. Ham radio is largely involved in communications , mostly 2 meter simplex.

Bill has a new radio he has spent time working with FT8 on 6 meters and so far has worked stations in Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. Bill is using 50.313 MHz.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

July 25 – WA1JMM – George | August 1st – KB1WEA – Bill | 8th – W1KMC – Kevin |
15th – WA1JMM – George | 22nd – KB1WRZ – Dave 29th – W1KMC – Kevin

Acknowledgements:

Ben – for always being there! Great Liasson with the Kiwanis.

Next Meeting will be August 28th at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

We were told of Kathy Smith being in Millinocket Regional and a card was sent to her on behalf of the club by the Secretary.

Secretary also sent out the thank you email to the RF Adapter guy (using her k1dae@k1pq.club email, no less) for his donation of the \$10 gift certificate .

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis -- Secretary (and Debbie's joke) W1KMC – Kevin, faithful computer scribe. – now if she'd only get them done earlier so I can POST them ☺



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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.



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Secretary's Report for the September 25th, 2018 Meeting

In attendance were: Ben-WA1PBR, Kevin-W1KMC, Debbie K-KB1WRY, Bill-KB1WEA, George-WA1JMM, Debbie E-K1DAE, Chip-KB1QU, Rob-(working)

GUESTS: Karen

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 2,053.76

Stickney Hill repeater – Bill is monitoring 147.105, nothing much on the K1PQ (444.950) repeater, except Wednesday night's Pre-Net net. K1PQ repeater is.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy is back home (during this month Kathy was back in the hospital but is again home)

Kevin – Hats/Shirts – the first order of hats and shirts that Kevin placed for himself, Debbie E and Rob cam in. Debbie had the Ladies No-pocket Polo, Rob sported the T-Shirt, and Kevin the Men's Polo (was supposed to have a pocket but didn't, they are fixing that now)

Hats are \$10.00/each
T-shirts are \$16.00 up to XL (add \$2.00/X size up)
Polos are \$18.00 up to XL (same as above)
For name and call on shirts add \$3.00

Brunch at Elaine's – 10-12 people were in attendance. Everyone seemed to have a good time (note by Kevin – Elaine's needs more square tables) This will be an ongoing event. Next brunch will be November 4th, 2018 at 09:00 AM. To see how this works out a monthly brunch will be the First Sunday each month at 09:00 at Elaine's.

Club will not need another generator

NEW BUSINESS

Ben has been asked to reserve space at the Kiwanis for the first Saturday in August 2019 for our hamfest. (Kevin will start a TRH page soon.)

There is a communications test on Doughty Hill on October 14th (for testing the simplex relay for the Piscataquis River Race).

George received a communication from Steve Jordan-KD1OM (not to be confused with Steve Curry-KD1O ☺) of PSARC that the KQ1L Link System, which conduct the 12-County Net on Sundays at 09:30 as well as other nets, is having issues with the oldest repeater in the system on 146.88, to which all clubs who use system were asked for a \$200 donation to upgrade the repeater – The club voted to send the \$200 for the repairs/upgrading. (Kevin used to be an alternate Net Control but has issues right now).

Net Control Stations for the month are:

09/26 – KB1WRY-Debbie K | 10/03 – WA1JMM-George | 10/10 – KB1WRZ-Dave |
10/17 – KB1WEA-Bill

Acknowledgements:

Ben – Purchasing a Dual Band ‘Portable Ops’ dual band antenna

Kevin – Hats and Shirts

Debbie E – Secretary’s reports

Next Meeting will be October 23rd, 2018 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Meeting Adjourned at 19:40 (7:40pm)

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



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Secretary's Report for the **Error! Reference source not found.** Meeting

In attendance were: George – WA1JMM, Karen, Debbie – K1DAE, Kevin – W1KMC, Ben – WA1PBR, Rob, Dave – KB1WRZ, Debbie – KB1WRY, Ray – W1MRT

GUESTS: None

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1, 867.62 – In \$45.00 in Dues and Out was \$200 for the KQ1L repeater fundraiser and \$ 31 for Emera.

Bill was not present to give update on the repeaters.

OLD BUSINESS

Ben – experimenting with use of simplex system 146.55 for next year's Piscataquis River race. Net control needs to be in the middle to relay, and to limit to minimal transmissions. Bill's test did not work out due to squelch problem.

Brunch – More square tables, less pancake (hihi) – Discussed a possible change of venue to the Bear's Den in Dover-Foxcroft, Dave will call to make the arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party – Traditional turkey dinner to be held on the first Tuesday in December (12/04) at Elaine's. This year it will include a Yankee swap, bring a gift – no price range was set at this time.

Elves on the Air – We have not heard anything at this time – [Since the meeting we have heard from the organizer and is set for December 1st.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

10/24 – WA1JMM-George | 10/31 – Dave-KB1WRZ | 11/07 – KB1WRY-Debbie | 11/14 – WA1JMM-George | 11/21 – Call-Name

Shirt orders placed for Debbie, Dave and George – they were delivered to Dave at the Veteran's Day Parade.

Next Meeting will be November 27th, 2018 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office. Meeting adjourned at 19:30.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the December 04th, 2018 (Christmas Party) Meeting

In attendance were: Dave-KB1WRZ, Debbie-KB1WRY, Ben-WA1PBR, George-WA1JMM, Karen, Debbie-K1DAE, Kevin-W1KMC, Rob, Ron-W1FLV, Tom-N1OJH
GUESTS: Morgan-NJ8M, John-KC2UZT, Patty-KB1TUY

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the "meeting" at 6:00 pm as this was our Christmas Party Dinner, Rob opened with a word of prayer before dinner.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ \$ 1,719.04 as of Dec 04, 2018

Stickney Hill repeater is.

K1PQ repeater is. Bill was not in attendance, so no reports given

OLD BUSINESS

None discussed really

NEW BUSINESS

John came down from Silver Ridge with his YL to discuss the Millinocket Marathon as he is the coordinator this year. Procedures for the marathon were discussed.

A brief gift exchange was done Ben received a gift from Dave, and both Debbie (KB1WRY) and George received a gift from the club. Ben got a colorful wooden Parrot, Debbie, we can't remember, but George received a Drone.

Shirts that were ordered had been delivered to KB1WRZ at the Veteran's Day Parade (he just forgot to give George his), Kevin was Reimbursed by those who ordered. Anyone else who wants shirts – see Kevin with Size(s) quantities. Hats also available, we are working on Patches also.

Net Control Stations for the month are: -- We didn't get these at the party, sorry

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be January 22nd, 2019 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Elves on the air was Saturday Dec 1st. Thanks to Dan T, George, Dave (Jingles [just wait Dave ☺]), and all who helped out – See you all next year.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.