



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the February 26th, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: WA1JMM-George, Karen, W1KMC-Kevin, Rob, KB1WRZ-Dave, K1CWO-Neal, KB1WRY-Debbie K, WA1PBR-Ben, and K1DAE-DebbieE.
GUESTS: None

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

Presentation by WA1PBR-Ben "Serendipity" Radio & its relation to ham radio

RCA monopolized the maritime radio business. Westinghouse made radio receivers. The Department of Commerce used to distribute the call signs before the founding of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The first ham call sign was Frank Crandall 8XK.

Westinghouse founded the first radio station on November 2nd, 1920, KDKA went on the air in Pittsburgh, PA. Cutler, ME is a Very Low Frequency (VLF) HQ Marconi built coastal station, but later sold to RCA.

Reminder to all members: Yearly dues are due in May // \$15.00 Individual -- \$25.00 Family.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,462.51 as of 02/26/2019 – Expenditures were electric: \$32.00, Insurance \$200 and Dave for Coffee and doughnuts.

A short discussion of having Coffee and doughnuts (or other snack) each meeting was decided to make coffee at the town hall with "club coffee" and as for snack, George will pick up doughnuts for next meeting. [Pine State has someone bring a snack as their meeting place has the coffee maker for us, the person is decided as are the net controls for each weekly meeting].

Ben – Paul Kelley-N1BUG made contact on 2200 Meters.

Bill was not present to give reports on the repeaters.

OLD BUSINESS

The Piscataquis River Race is set for April 27th, 2019. We need to do another communications test needs to be done before then.

Wilderness Sled Dog Race – Greenville

There needs to be different checkpoints, there were some miscommunications concerning food for checkpoints

George will be attending the post race meeting, please send him emails prior to that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race is on April 20th, 2019. Dave, Debbie K, Ben, and George have indicated their interest in helping out. More details from KD1OM-Steve Jordan, President Pine State ARC when they become available.

Piscataquis River Race set for April 27th, discussion as to Net Control – maybe Terry?

Net Control Stations for the month are:

02/27 – KB1WRZ-Dave | 03/06 – WA1JMM-George | 03/13 – KB1WRY-Debbie K |
03/20 – W1KMC-Kevin

Acknowledgements:

Ben for his presentation

Dave and Debbie K for help with the sled dog race

Kevin and Debbie E for all the work we do [Debbie take the notes, Kevin retypes them and “tries” to get them on the website, as well as developing the “new” website

<https://k1pq.club>

Upcoming Event: the Can-Am sled dog race (this was March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th). The Fort Kent repeater is 146.715 (-) Tone?

Next Meeting will be March 26th, 2019 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58PM

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.