



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the April 23, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: WA1PBR-Ben, N1MRT-Ray, KB1ROS-Gary, KB1WRZ-Dave R., KB1WRY-Debbie K., K1DAE-Debbie E., N1BUG-Paul, Rob, KC1KTB Dave F., WA1JMM-George (and Karen), WB1EMA-Bill, W1KMC-Kevin, KC1DUS-Felix

GUESTS: None

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,483.20 – no expenses to report.

Stickney Hill repeater (Paul) – last month's meeting minutes were a bit in error as to the repeater. The repeater is fine, all is well. Minor repairs will be made as soon as conditions improve (2 or 3 weeks).

Paul gave a detailed explanation on the Stickney Hill Repeater. Power supply needs adjusting, and the DC power needs to be looked. The power supply needs to be pulled and refurbished (we should not notice any changes while this is done). The DC Power wiring will be redone, when THIS is done the repeater will be down but we may be given notice beforehand as to when and how long.

Bill went with Paul to fix the repeater's router so that Paul can have better control via remote computer (Kevin's memory of meeting)

K1PQ repeater is tested each Wednesday night on the Pre-net net at 18:30 Eastern which also has Echolink so members from away can join us. {kevin again, see the k1pq.club website for more info on Echolink. Don't have Echolink, call Kevin at 888-587-9293 and we will get you going}.

N1BUG is on RX 147.105 (PL 103.5 if you want to use on RX) – TX 147.705 (PL 103.5 must be used) – 2 Meters

K1PQ is on RX 444.950 with TX on 449.9500 (PL on TX of 103.5) – this is also Echolink, search for K1PQ-R

(Kevin wrote this out this way for new hams who don't know the shifts yet.)

OLD BUSINESS

Bill tested the communications along the Piscataquis River 2 weeks ago, this involved more work than necessary. A new Kenwood TM-V71A, a 50 Watt, dual-band transceiver with cross band capability was ordered. Question was raised by Ben if the club voted on this purchase. It was, on the K1PQ Facebook group where Bill, George, Paul, Debbie E., and Kevin voted affirmatively.

The race communications will be daisy-chained through the cross-band radio as thus (Baofengs were going to be used but Kevin found that set right, you only needed one channel to accomplish what was discussed at the meeting as needing two).

RX on 147.105 and the TX offset was +298.995MHz [TX on 446.100—PL 100.0] This is all the operators need to know – the daisy chaining is that the Cross band repeater will listen on the 446.100 and cross it to the input of the N1BUG on 147.705, which in turn will allow us to hear on the 147.105 on our radios. (Kevin had seen the diagram from last time and was able to simplify the structure so some could understand it better.)

Baofeng UV5Rs were being brought by Felix and Kevin will program them on the fly Saturday morning. A Backup simplex 146.400 will also be programmed in case the repeater option does not work.

George say there are bib numbers, no boat numbers. The helpers and positions were discussed but are subject to change (and did), so putting it here is moot.

The helpers were George, Dave R, Bill, Joan, Gary, Neal, Ray, Ron, Ben, Debbie K., Paul, Pat, Gary, Carol, Dave F., Kevin, Rob, Felix, John, and Patty.

We will meet at McDonald's in Dover at 08:30. Checkins from checkpoints no later than 09:30-09:45 and as stated above the simplex frequency of 146.400 as a backup in case of failure. Kevin and Ben will be on a separate simplex of 146.50 between trestle and finish line.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting is May28th.

Nominations of officers were as follows:

President: George-WA1JMM – Vice President: Bill-KB1WEA

Secretary: Debbie E.-K1DAE – Treasurer: Ben-WA1PBR

Dues are due in May and are \$15/year for individual and \$25/Year for Family.

Hamfest is August 3rd. We already have some prizes from ARRL but we need to decide on a Grand Prize, also contact the RF adapter guy and also Kits N' Pieces

The Sebec River Race is on May 18th, Dave R. is the Race Coordinator. We need 3 or 4 people to help out. Start, Finish, Salmon Stream, and Dave's place. More info forthcoming as available.

Kevin's Poll did not garner any emails, so at the meeting it was discussed about the availability of the complete info of the club's membership roster to the public (Officers have all info).

The consensus is that Call, Name, and Town – No Phone numbers or emails. But on that note, the club has two phone numbers, 207-631-2593 and 888-587-9296 where calling it reaches Kevin (for now). Officers are tied in by extension to which the system will automatically call them without revealing their REAL phone numbers, so a 4th column will be added for Extension. Regular members CAN opt-in if they wish – any call forwarded will come from the CLUB's Phone number, real caller ID will be changed – Kevin will have it if needed.

Paul's proposal for training exercises for how to switch frequencies – schedule for a slow business meeting.

Field Day is June 22nd at Dave R.'s

Net Control Stations for the month are:

4/24 – George-WA1JMM | 5/01 – Kevin-W1KMC | 5/08 – Dave R-KB1WRZ |
5/15 – Bill-KB1WEA | 5/22 – Debbie K.-KB1WRV

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be May 28th, 2019 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.