



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the May 28th, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: Debbie E. – K1DAE, Ben – WA1PBR, Dave R. – KB1WRZ, Debbie K. – KB1WRY, Rob, Karen, Dave F. – KC1KTB, Ray – N1MRT, Kevin – W1KMC, George – WA1JMM, Bill – KB1WEA

GUESTS: None

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

Prior to the Secretary's report being read, Dave R. made a motion to eliminate the reading of the Meeting minutes, being posted on <https://k1pq.club> on the meeting minutes page each month to be read by all, and just to read them beforehand. The secretary will bring copies to each meeting for those present who did not read them. Dave made the motion, seconded by Ray. – Unanimously Passed.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1, 284.29 as of 05/28/2019 with expenses of \$305 for the new Dual-Band cross-band radio, \$33. For Emera and received from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis \$150.00 for the Piscataquis River Race.

Dave Ramsey gave a presentation on the Sebec River race which was lengthy and informative. They had a real, live rescue – Read on after the main part of this meeting's minutes.

Ben brought up that we have an Icom V8000 2-Meter radio and an associated Astron power supply and would like to sell this to a club member for \$150.00 or to the general public for \$175. For radio and P/S – the motion to sell failed and a motion was made to table this until the June meeting so we may be able to “play” with this at Field Day. Kevin did mention that the V8000 is the type of radio that each hospital in Maine has, so this is an easy to use radio.

Stickney Hill repeater – everything is working as it should. Paul has not managed to get the repeater worked on yet (N1BUG).

K1PQ repeater - Ben and Bill worked on the repeater. SWR readings are within limits

OLD BUSINESS

Piscataquis River Race – 04/27/2019 – 23 Boats and over in 1 ½ hours. The cross-band repeater setup for communications worked out well. Ray motioned that we send a thank you note to the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis for the \$150 they gave us. Instead, Ben will do this verbally.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of this year's Officers: All officers were re-nominated at the April, were re-elected at this meeting by acclamation

President – George Dean – WA1JMM // Vice-President – Bill Welsh – KB1WEA
Secretary – Debbie Ellis – K1DAE // Treasurer – Ben Kittredge – WA1PBR
(Webmaster and Secretary's scribe ☺ - Kevin Carman – W1KMC)

Field Day at Dave R. and Debbie K.'s camp again this year. Boat transportation is available from the Milo boat launch – If you need transport just call on N1BUG and they'll come for you. Food will be hot dogs, chicken, and hamburgers. We'll leave it up to Debbie K., no lobster however ☺. People can bring side dishes or desserts if they wish.

We will need a computer (laptop) for each station for field day used for logging (1 for CW, Voice, Digital). Most Field Day activities are on 80 (3MHz), 40 (7MHz), and 20 (14MHz) Meters and mostly at night.

Field Day begins at 14:00 (2:00 pm) Local time // 18:00 (6:00 pm) UTC Saturday until 14:00 local time Sunday.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

05/28 – WA1JMM-George | 06/05 – KB1WRZ-Dave R. | 06/12 – W1KMC-Kevin |
06/19 – KB1WRY-Debbie K.

Acknowledgements:

Thank you to everyone for everything they do.

Next Meeting will be June 25th, 2019 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Dave Ramsey's presentation is on the next page.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.

Dave's presentation was on the Sebec River Race held on May 18th, 2019 where Dave, Debbie, George, and Ben were on hand for communications.

Dave was in his boat, George was at the finish line, Debbie at Salmon Stream and Ben was in another boat

There are two fast water areas, one is moderate, and the other is called the RIPS, which is called that for good reason.

During the race there was an actual rescue at the RIPS, where one boat got capsized and stuck in the eddy of the RIPS.

The boat actually had two occupants, one was seen by a woman who called to Dave telling him of someone in the river, there was one already on shore, but another was hanging on to the canoe.

The story is very long, but as an experiment for the future, the digital recorder we used for the minutes was edited and the presentation stripped out and is on http://k1pq.club/meeting_minutes -- just click the speaker thing and listen right in chrome. NOTE: there is echo, but I edited that down as best I could. If this is something members would want just let W1KMC know, he reads K1PQ on Facebook.

This was a very interesting presentation.