



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the September 24th, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: W1KMC-Kevin, WA1JMM-George, Karen, KB1QU-Chip, WA1PBR-Ben, K1DAE-Debbie E., WA1SBF-Howard, KC1DUS-Felix, KB1WEA-Bill, Rob

GUESTS: WB1BWJ-Pam

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

Introductions were made for the benefit of WA1SBF-Howard and WA1BWJ-Pam (Original Members).

The secretary's reports for the regular and special meeting were accepted as posted on the k1pq.club website, and treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,617.34 as of 09/24/2019.

New member, K2KJ-Lloyd, has purchased the Stickney Hill property next to our repeater site. Welcome to the club Lloyd.

KB1QU-Chip made a presentation on his trip to Africa. He was in Ghana with RadAid which provides X-Ray and Ultrasound imagery services to more than 30 countries worldwide. He explored ham radio in Ghana. His calls sign in Ghana is G5QU, he stated that in Ghana there are only 2 hams in residence, all others are kind of like him, itinerants, He was able to get his license as he had previously had a QSO with one of the two permanent residents in the country (the other doesn't operate). He worked primarily FT8 and CW while he was there. He worked 135 stations on digital modes, 400 on CW. Most were in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, almost none from the US – Japanese Stations and Europe

His compact radio kit is lightweight, inverted V Antenna and a Yaesu Radio. He liked being on the receiving end of a huge pileup.

W1KMC-Kevin will try to pull the presentation audio from the recorder and post along with these notes for those who wish to listen.

Stickney Hill repeater – K1PQ repeater is working OK
K1PQ repeater is also working OK

OLD BUSINESS

W1XR is in discussion with K2KJ for the purchase of his Stickney Hill property (site next to our repeater site).

Discussion of the expansion of the K1PQ Echolink to include AllStar – if set up properly would give ability to use AllStar nodes – connect in our current Echolink node through AllStar, and add in ability to make phone calls in emergencies (requires a phone number and link to another provider [Numbers are \$1/month + \$0.009/minute usage] W1KMC has the ability to help in this regard as it runs of the same type software as the club's phone number – 207-631-2593 – try it] This would be an experiment to get more use on the 440 machine.

Club equipment list to Ben. Most equipment itself to Bill. The enclosure is at George's.

Monthly breakfast meetings to restart, for those interested in a Saturday morning (sub)meeting/get together will be on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Elaine's in Milo at 09:00 AM – place may change if we want to move around to different areas we serve, but will be posted first. First breakfast will be on Sat Oct. 12, 2019 at 09:00 at Elaine's in Milo, See you there.

Proposed to make the Sat morning a monthly meeting? Possible joint meetup with Pine State (there is a story here but...) Saturday mornings may be better for those who can't drive at night or for those who have other commitments on Tuesdays

Field Day – Location in Dover-Foxcroft for 2020 – during the Whoopie Pie Festival. George will check out the Police Department and the County Parking areas. Chad Perkins is a member of the DFPD

Hiram Percy Maxim – No real responses

If anyone has equipment to sell, post on K1PQ Facebook Page (we may set up a swapnet page on K1PQ club website if there is any interest at all in doing so).

NEW BUSINESS

KB1WEA-Bill – Tower repair – Water froze in one leg of the tower about 15 feet up – caused a split – A welder came out from Guilford (Mr. Williams) at a cost of \$100.00

Ben did the September VHF contest from Stickney Hill.

Felix – possible return of Dog Sled races to Brownville?

Net Control Stations for the month are:

09/25 – WA1JMM-George | 10/02 – KB1WEA-Bill | 10/09 – WA1JMM-George | 10/16 – TBD-TBD

Acknowledgements:

From K1DAE-Debbie to George and Bill – for covering note taking for August and the Sept 5th special meeting while we were without a vehicle.

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

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.