



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the January 05th, 2019 (Breakfast) Meeting

In attendance were: Dave-KB1WRY, Debbie-KB1WRZ, Ray-N1MRT, Ben-WA1PBR, George-WA1JMM, Karen, Kevin-W1KMC, Rob, Debbie-K1DAE, Bob-KB1WPZ
GUESTS: None

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 9:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

None discusses

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Campbell came down to go through the Greenville Sled Dog Race to be held on Feb 2nd, 2019. Radio details were discussed and checkpoints gone over.

George has been publicizing the event throughout the Ham community Networks, including the 12 County Nets on Sunday mornings. Volunteers from PARC and PSARC (Bangor) will be coming up to help.

For anyone interested in the Can-Am race in Fort Kent, you may contact KD1OM (Steve Jordan) on 146.9400 for details.

Acknowledgements:

Thank you tyo everyone who helped out at the Millinocket Marathon

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

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the January 22nd, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: N1MRT – Ray, WA1PBR – Ben, W1KMC – Kevin, KB1WRZ – Dave, KB1WRY – Debbie K., [NT1YET] – Rob, WA1JMM – George, Karen, K1DAE – Debbie E., KB1WEA - Bill
GUESTS: AA1OY - Amanda

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ \$1, 670.08 as of 01-22. Emera bill of \$34.00 and K1DAE bought cards for club (get Well, thinking of you and sympathy cards) for \$5.00 (receipt for \$5.28 handed to ben 2/26 – we will not worry about 28 cents.

Ben gave a presentation on Ham Radio in the 1950's with emphasis on crystal usage. Crystals have been phased out over the years. The 147.105 (N1BUG's repeater) does make use of crystals.

Stickney Hill repeater is. Working fine.
K1PQ repeater is. Working fine.

OLD BUSINESS

Question was raised as to the necessity of having two Facebook pages. We are using the K1PQ Facebook Page more than the PARC Facebook Page. Do we want to keep the PARC Page going? Kevin points out that PARC is a "Fan Page" – something you can LIKE to which all club info is there and usually only page administrators can put stuff on it. Whereas the K1PQ page is more of a Group page – anyone can post to it, kind of like Pine State's Google Group. Keeping both doesn't hurt.

River Race communications test – Bill has Oked a simplex solution, there will be another test.

No mention as of yet for the Sebec River Race.

NEW BUSINESS

Wilderness Sled Dog Race

147.105 with tones of 123.0 for Milo, 105.5 fore Greenville and 97.0 for Sugarloaf. (We ended up just using 147.150 Simplex, the 103.5 on Stickney and another [kevin can't remember tone] for Greenville Airport.)

Be at the Leisure Life Inn at 7AM for Breakfast with a meeting to follow at 8AM

Volunteers were : Net Controls: KC2UZT John, KB1WPZ – Bob, W1KMC – Kevin and Rob

Checkpoint 1 WA1PBR – Checkpoint 2 KD1OM – Steve and N1MRT – Ray –
Checkpoint 3 KB1WRY – Debbie K and KB1WRZ – Dave – Checkpoint 4 WA1JMM – George

Also volunteering was N1RCU – Terry and N1UCN - Maggie

Net Control Stations for the month are:

1/23 – KB1WEA-Bill | 1/30 – KB1WRZ-Dave | 2/6 – George-WA1JMM |
2/13 – KB1WRY-Debbie K. | 2/20 – WA1JMM-George

Acknowledgements:

Ben for the Ham Radio presentation

Karen's shirt order placed, given at this meeting (2/26)

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

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



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.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

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

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM, Karen, Kevin-W1KMC, Ben-WA1PBR, Neal-K1CWO, Rob, Dave-KB1WRZ, Debbie K.-KB1WRY, Debbie E.-K1DAE, Bill-KB1WEA

GUESTS: None

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

Dave – KB1WRZ gave a presentation on the Can-AM Sled Dog race that he helped out at again this year in Fort Kent.

3 races were held over the course of 3 days, a 30 mile, 100 mile, and 250 mile. The 250 race is used as a qualifier for the Alaskan Iditarod, the 100 mile race to which KC1HAI Rico Patalatin (member? Of PARC had won, and the 30 mile race.

Dave and other members participating in comms, met in Fort Kent on Friday. On Saturday morning at 'Oh Dark Thirty', as Dave called it, he and two other Hams, Cathy-KB1MHH and Bill-NT1N headed out to their 30 mile checkpoint.

During the night, Dave had said that Main St. in Fort Kent had been 'paved' in snow making it easier for the teams to get going.

Prior to this year, at the checkpoint where Dave and his team were, was a place referred to as 'The Porcupine Hilton', but this year they had to make do with an Ice-Shack as the "Hilton" was not there anymore.

All equipment and food for these checkpoints had to be brought in on snowmobiles.

The 30 and 100 mile races were run on Saturday and the 250 on Sunday. Steve Jordan-KD1OM, Pine State's president was at the Portage checkpoint. Steve met up with Dave at one point and said where he was they had no comms ability but the person he was with had Echolink (for more on Echolink see <http://echolink.org> – for help with setting it up contact Kevin-W1KMC, at the club's phone number on the website), to which he had his Cell phone and a link set up at this house as a relay for the race. Editorial: Although some say Echolink is not radio, as it can be computer to computer also, it does have the capability of connecting to radios, which is why Echolink verifies call signs. :End Editorial by Kevin ☺

Dave said that it was an experience to watch the come in for their mandatory 5-hour rest, and to see the team of vets swarm over the dog teams to make sure the dogs were OK to go on to the next checkpoint.

The finish line had all the time keepers , handlers, etc.

The last team came in Monday afternoon, after which people were free to leave.

Dave's comment was that the HF communications did not function as well, but the 2-meter did work well. His other comment was that there were no FRS (Family Radio Service) radios at the site(s) the number were done by runners on Post-It Notes.

Some of the key people for this race were:

Derrick Ouellette- KB1WKA – Race Coordinator

Gary Gillman – N1ZNJ – Net Control

Cathy Hinds – KB1MHH and Bill Akins-NT1N – Part of Dave's team

Jack Caron-W1AYX

Many thanks to Dave and Debbie K. for the excellent presentation (Debbie put together the slide show Tuesday afternoon – great job!)

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,438.20 as of 03/26/2019 which includes a payment to Emera for electricity of \$ 32.39

Stickney Hill repeater – Ben says everything looks OK. Paul-N1BUG says that the equipment is getting older, and it may be time to look into getting another repeater. The club has a backup , but it is just as old as the current one. This lead to a discussion on fund-raising methods for a new repeater. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

K1PQ repeater is OK as well.

Bill say we need more testing on the simplex for the Piscataquis River race. The conclusion is that we can operate in either simplex or duplex mode 144.400 TX with a RX of 146.400 . Bill demonstrated this using EchoStation which is a repeater controller software which he had running on his laptop with a Signalink USB plugged into a handheld. (see his short video on the FB group page (if you have FB)).

OLD BUSINESS

Terry and Margie will be unable to attend the Piscataquis River Race this year, so George will be Simplex Net Control.

Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race (in support of Pine State ARC, we all just get along ☺) is on April 20th.

PARC crew is: George-WA1JMM, Dave-KB1WRZ, Debbie K.-KB1WRY, amd Ben-WA1PBR

Piscataquis River Race: April 27th
So far, we have:

George-WA1JMM – Net Control
Joan and Gary – Bridge
John-KC2UZT and Patty-KB1TUY – Covered Bridge
Steve-KD1OM – Cemetery
Dave-KB1WRZ – Merrill Brook
Kevin-W1KMC and Rob – Trestle Bridge
Ben-WA1PBR and Debbie K-KB1WRY – Finish Line

George got the t-shirt sizes for this year's race shirts.

Pre-race meeting at McDonald's at 09:00 AM in Dover-Foxcroft.

NEW BUSINESS

Sebec River Race is May 18th, 2019. This will be discussed next meeting.

Kevin-W1KMC (webmaster) does have one poll for the group at large:

We have a master list of all members (from prior years that we keep updated best we can) that has Name, Call, Address, Phone number(s) and Email addresses. Right now it is in the hands of the officers of the club (George, Bill, Ben, Debbie E., and Kevin (he keeps Debbie E. straight ☺ as well as being the webmaster).

Question is should we make this available to the whole club via the website (weather public, or via a password protected folder for the files. It's not so much address as that is available anyways through the FCC database but more of emails and phone numbers.

Kevin is working on a project where members can opt-in (Officers are automatic) to have a phone extension connected to make their phones ring and if a voicemail is left to email it to you. In this way everyone keeps their numbers private. What do you think? Please email w1kmc@arrl.net with feedback, thank you.

Test it yourself (sort of) the club's phone numbers are: 207-631-2593 and a toll free at 888-587-9296 this plays an intro message and goes right to an operator, the menus are pending). We can do a lot with this, but baby steps for now.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

March 27th – KB1WRZ-Dave | April 03rd – KB1WEA-Bill | 10th: – WA1JMM-George |
17th – W1KMC-Kevin

Acknowledgements:

Dave-KB1WRZ for the excellent presentation

Debbie K – KB1WRY for the presentation slide show and making Dave look good (his words, not mine. He actually said that if not for the slide show Debbie did it would have been about five minutes, instead of the 20-30 minutes it was.

Next Meeting will be April 23rd, 2019 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Meeting adjourned at 20:15 (8:15 PM)

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



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.-KB1WRY

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.



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.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the June 25th, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: KB1QU-Chip, KB1WEA-Bill, WA1PBR-Ben, W1KMC-Kevin, Karen, Rob, KB1WRZ-Dave R., KB1WRY-Debbie K., WA1JMM-George, K1DAE-Debbie E.

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 \$ 1,264.27. with expenses of \$58.00 for Field Day food and \$32.02 for Emera

Stickney Hill repeater is Working fine.

K1PQ repeater is working fine also.

PRESENTATION

Ben bought a new radio which he brought in to show. It is an Icom IC-9700 All Mode VHF/VHF rig similar to the IC-7200 HF All Mode Rig. This is a good radio for weak signal work.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day: we had 125 SSB Phone, 150 CW and 15 Digital contacts and extra points, 100 Email to Section Manager, 100 Training on FT8 Digital mode, and 100 for the ARRL Radiogram sent by George, through Kevin to the Seagull Net on Saturday evening.

Thanks again to Dave and Debbie for the hospitality, food and transportation. Dave made 8 trips.

Locations discussed for Field Day 2020 some sites suggested were the Whoopie Pie Festival, Kiwanis building (hamfest site), something with community involvement, maybe American Legion or school. We will discuss it again at the July meeting

HamFest – August 3rd, 2019: We have door prizes of 2-\$50 GC from ARRL, 2-\$25 GC from ARRL, and a GC from the RF Adapter Guy – adapnerguy.com redirects to <https://squareup.com/market/the-rf-adapter-guy> -- this is probably better for him – uses Square for Credit cards (Kevin does too).

We need to come up with a Grand Prize though. Chip started a discussion about a Yaesu HT for \$79.99 at HRO – Kevin misinterpreted this as the FT70DR, Kevin was wrong [I admit it ☺] with an accessory package, with an approximate value of \$130.00 – Kevin will work with Ben on finding such a radio/package. ** Since meeting George should be

sending out an email as to what was found – FT65R with goodies for just over that price – watch for George’s email. **

Don St. Cyr will take care of hot dogs and hamburgers

NEW BUSINESS

Where is all the PARC owned stuff? Those who have club stuff, please send Bill (kb1wea@arrl.net) an email with what you have and he will compile a list of what is where. Ben says he has a Keyer, and Dave R. says he has a 2-meter rig and a power supply. Bill has the new Kenwood radio, power supply, and antenna.

Monthly Saturday breakfasts: We had done 2 or three of these prior to the Piscataquis River Race and some of us (Kevin and Rob) thought this was to be an ongoing thing. Kevin said that the first Saturday may not work for those on Social Security (on the 3rd), and that the second Saturday may work better. Also state this may be a way to get others, who for one reason or another can’t make evening meetings to still be able to participate in the club on a different day.

We should discuss this on the Wednesday on the air meeting (N1BUG) for more input. (Kevin: If this does become a regular thing, then I will make minutes on the Saturday Breakfast meetings available on the website as well.)

Net Control Stations for the month are:

06/26 – WA1JMM-George | 07/03 – KB1WRZ-Dave | 07/10 – KB1WEA-Bill | 07/17 – KB1WRY-Debbie K.

Acknowledgements:

Bill – for running the Pre-Net Net on the K1PQ 444.950 / Echolink repeater
Dave and Debbie – for the food and transportation on Field Day

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

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the July 23rd, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: w1kmc-Kevin, WA1JMM-George, Karen, WA1PBR-Ben, N1MRT-Ray, Rob, KB1WRZ-Dave, KB1WRY-Debbie K, KB1WEA-Bill, KB1QU-Chip, KC1DUR-Don, K1DAE-Debbie E
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 Report was accepted and treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 954.16 with expenses of rent for the Hamfest building, The Hamfest Grand Prize of \$141.00 and Emera \$33.00

Ben gave a presentation on the New England Forest Rally. These are 2 day races in motor sports in which ham radio is widely used as some areas of the rally have no other means of communications are non-existent at times. All communications are done by ham radio which covers much of western Maine into New Hampshire. Races run much like the Kenduskeag and Piscataquis River races in that the checkpoints call in the car numbers and record times.

George proposed that we bring this up next year prior to the race so that those that want to help may sign up next year.

Stickney Hill repeater seems to be working well.
K1PQ repeater is working well. The Echolink side of K1PQ may be down for a few days while KB1WEA has a new furnace installed in the room.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day 2019 report was submitted to the ARRL and also posted on the K1PQ Facebook page.

We need to check out other potential sites for next year's field day. Dover-Foxcroft does Whoopie Pie day at the same time, to which the public could then be exposed to Amateur Radio. But we also need to think safety when doing this (antennae wires, power cables and such).

Suggestions were the Library, Police Dept., Near the EMA building, the American Legion Building, and the courthouse parking lot.

Three Rivers Hamfest 2019

We have a Grand Prize of a Yeasu FT65-R, Speaker Mike and a longer antenna, and prizes from ARRL (2-\$25 and 2-\$50 Gift Certificates), and the RF Adaptor guy

VE Testing will be in the Welcome Center as the space we normally used in currently unavailable for us to use.

Food is coffee and donuts for the breakfast crowd, and hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas for lunch.

It was suggested to have some kind of 'ticket' for easier flow of concessions.

Kevin will come up with something for us to use (and has done so)

Breakfast is \$2.00 (Blue Tickets) and Lunch is \$5.00 (Orange Tickets). If this does make things easier, then we can make a somewhat permanent set for the future. (There are 60 of each type)

Rob will do the announcements. George has the admission and 50/50 tickets

Ben – Where is the K1PQ equipment? – No list as yet – Tabled until August.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill – Special Events that are upcoming.

150th Birthday of Hiram Percy Maxim – August-September for 9 days – Anyone can participate using the club call – portable location or individuals using the club call at their home. Contact Bill if interested in a shift – we can have many on , just not same band/mode at the same time.

200th anniversary of Maine being a State. This one goes on all year

Breakfast meeting each month? 2nd Saturday? Wait until September, so tabled until August. Rob says not really a meeting but more of a get together.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

July 24th – KB1WRZ-Dave | 31st – W1KMC-Kevin | August 7th – WA1JMM-George | 14th – KB1WRY-Debbie K | 21st – WA1JMM-George

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be August 27th at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the August 27th, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: WA1JMM-George, Karen, KB1QU-Chip, WA1PBR-Ben, KB1WRZ-Dave, KB1WRY-Debbie K., KB1VAV-Bryant, K1CWO-Neal

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 report accepted as posted (link is on k1pq facebook page, leads to k1pq.club website) and treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,571.37

Hamfest made \$455 and WA1PBR sold an antique microphone online.

Bill, KB1WEA was not present but sent WA1JMM-George an email noting that the repeaters were working fine but underutilized. Bill noted that the Hiram Percy Maxim 150th runs August 31 to September 8. Rules online, ARRL members can use their own call or K1PQ/150.

If operating under club call, please list operating mode, band, and times on K1PQ Facebook to avoid simultaneous operation. Free event log available from N3FJP.

He noted he has the following PARC equipment at his house; 2 power supply's, 1 Baofeng dual band link radio, 1 Kenwood dual band radio, 1 Diamond dual band antenna, one 440 MHz Yagi for Echolink belongs to Bob Campbell, 1 Signalink interface, one MFJ-259B antenna analyzer (N1BUG tested, not worth fixing).

OLD BUSINESS

Three Rivers Ham Fest: Feedback

Everyone thought the event went well with a good profit and 6 folks testing at the VE session. Weather was great and attendance good. Discussed having it on a different date next year...Decided that there would always be conflicts and everyone is used to the 1st Saturday in August for our hamfest, so we decided to keep it the same next year. Ben will make reservations at the Kiwanis again for us.

Where is the club equipment/material. Didi Ben get feedback and has a list?

Reiterated that if you have any club equipment, please let Ben know so he can produce a list. Ben suggested that we have it all in one place...like at Bill, KB1WEA's house with Bill being our "Equipment Steward". I noted that I have a battery charger and the club enclosure. Ben had some club equipment he brought to give to Bill and I said I would get it to Bill.

Breakfast meeting?

Will discuss when Debbie and Kevin are at the next meeting, but the breakfast meeting we have had were well attended and fun.

Field Day Location for 2020

We discussed where would be a good place to have the 2020 Field Day next year in Dover. The parking lot next to the court house, the parking lot next to the Dover Police Department and the park behind the YMCA were discussed.

We decided that the locations by the court house and police department would be better than the YMCA because that would be closer to where the Whoopee Pie festival folks would be. The YMCA would be too isolated to be good place to encourage people to see our operation.

George said he would check on the two locations with the majority thinking the police department parking lot would be the best location. We will revisit during the September club meeting to see what others think of the police department being the best location. We should also register with the Whoopee Pie Festival coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS

Equipment for sale

Ben brought several pieces of equipment for sale. Folks were looking/buying when I left but not sure what did or did not sell.

Hiram Maxim Contest

Note above comment by Bill about the contest. Be sure you coordinate with Bill if you use K1PQ/150.

Other New Business

Dave, KB1WRZ has about 12 gallons of older ethanol gasoline to give away. See him if you are interested. He also has a 2 meter beam with a rotor that he got from Bill, who used to live in East Millinocket.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

08/28 – KB1QU-Chip | 09/04 – WA1JMM-George | 09/11 – KB1WRZ-Dave | 09/18 – KB1WRY-Debbie K.

Acknowledgements: Everyone who help prepare and run our 2019 Hamfest!

Next Meeting will be September 24th, 2019 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.

** K1DAE and W1KMC were not at meeting – WA1JMM took the notes, Thank You
George.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the September 5th, 2019 Special Meeting

This meeting was called by Bill Welsh KB1WEA, who found out that the Stickney Hill lot owned by James Welsh W1XR is for sale for \$15 K, plus whatever he wants for the tower and building on the site.

In attendance were: KB1WEA-Bill, KB1WRY-Debbie K., KB1WRZ-Dave, WA1JMM-George, WA1PBR-Ben, N1BUG-Paul, W1FLV-Ron, KB1QU-Chip, KC1DUS-Felix, N1MRT-Ray

GUESTS: None

Notes by WA1JMM were:

Bill suggested that this site would be a great place for the club to do club projects, do remote operating etc. and that if for some reason we lost the other site on Stickney Hill we would have our own site to put everything on including the tower, repeater building etc.

WA1PBR said he was playing "The Devil's advocate" suggesting that this was a of money for our small club to come up with, plus we'd have to pay taxes and possible other expenses.

KB1WRZ noted that he was one of the younger members of the club and we didn't have any new/younger members showing interest and that if something were to happen to WA1JMM who has kept the club running all these years, the club could fall apart. He personally would not be able to help pay for the project due to his own financial responsibilities.

KB1QU said he thought it would be a great location for HF remote operations and said he would contact his friends down south who love in areas where they can't have HF antennas as possible investors, but he is leaving for Africa Saturday and W1XR is coming later this month to dismantle his tower and remove his quick van where his remote system is located and then sell the land.

N1BUG felt it was a great place for the club to own for all the reason Bill mentioned.

WA1JMM noted that our club has mostly older members and we really don't have a lot of activity other than public service and some contesting and that he didn't think a \$15 K investment was something the club could handle even with much of the money donated by member not to mention the expenses like taxes etc. Not a good move for this club.

Although there was no vote on it, my feeling was that the general consensus was that this would not be a good move for the club.

Bill noted that it looked like the club was not in favor of trying to purchase the lot, but he said he would discuss with KB1QU privately to discuss further.

Our regular meeting for Sept 24 is still on!

KB1WEA posted additional/separate notes on the K1PQ facebook page, they are noted here:

Summary: KB1WEA presented information on the upcoming sale of W1XR's 2.4 acre property on Stickney Hill for \$15,000. Towers, shelter, and other equipment are also available for sale separately. Details listed below. All present contributed to the discussion. Although several were excited about the possibility, the general consensus was that there was not sufficient member interest and PARC could not afford to purchase and maintain the site.

W1XR site and equipment:

Land: 2.4 Acres corner lot @~800' elevation

70' Rohn 45 -- 2 sets Guys & hardware -- Rotor & bearing shelves --

Chromalloy Mast ~16' -- 6M 6el Cushcraft 617-6b boomer yagi -- 2M FO12 yagi --

432M 19el yagi -- Yaesu G-1000 Rotor & ~100' cable -- 75M 1/2 wave sloper & coax --

146/440 Comet vertical -- 4+ coax runs ~80' RG-8 -- 1 run ~80' 1 5/8" hardline --

WiFi dish ant -- WiFi Access Point UBNT -- 30' Aluminum tower --

CDE rotor & ~60' cable -- 903M loop ant 33el -- 1296 loop ant 45el -- ~6' mast --

80' Rohn SSV self supporting tower (on the ground) --

Misc short aluminum tower sections -- 75ohm cable hardline spool ~150'? --

Misc 75ohm cable hardline lengths -- Misc guy wire -- A3S Cushcraft triband beam --

Misc mast sections -- Rohn 25 base plate & house bracket -- G5RV antenna & feedline --

Mil Communications Shelter ~12' x 7'

Also, there are also a number of pieces inside the shelter including a Kenwood TS 480 with Microbit remote rig control, a table with 2 rack pedestals and another ~ 30" high rack pedestal, portable A/C unit, space heaters, Collins 242F-9C 4x150 2 meter Amp, remote site controls, commercial HF amp with a pair of 3-400Zs, etc.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.

** Thank you to KB1WEA-Bill and WA1JMM-George for posting and taking notes and getting them to the secretary.



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.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the October 22nd, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: WA1JMM-George, Karen, K1DAE-Debbie E., W1KMC-Kevin, WA1PBR-Ben, KB1WRZ-Dave, Rob
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 accepted as posted on k1pq.club/meeting_minutes and treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,571.39 and Emera bill of \$31.03 paid

Ben-WA1PBR did a presentation on AM radio station history "border blasters" which were AM radio stations just over the border in Mexico used to broadcast any subject not acceptable to the FRC (Federal Radio Commission), the predecessor to the FCC (Federal Communications Commission)

Station XERA was the most popular border blaster licensed to broadcast at 150,000 Watts which was then increased 500,00 and finally 1Million Watts (1 Megawatt!, Yikes)

Clear Channel stations like WBZ 1030AM in Boston, MA is one that no other stations are near their frequency. {Kevin's note here: WBZ last I knew was 10,000 watts during the day and 50,000 at night. I could be wrong here though.}

Station XERA was set up by Dr. John Brinkley. Dr. Binkley was described as a "Quack" whose specialty was male reproductive tissue transplants. Brinkley also ran for the governor of Kansas.

His practice extended over 8 states. His medical license was pulled by the AMA (American Medical Association) and his FRC license was also pulled. He then moved to Mexico and founded Station XERA. Dr Brinkley eventually died broke

KB1WEA not present so no reports on the N1BUG or K1PQ repeaters. W1KMC- Kevin said that the computer running Echolink needed to be reset. He can tell when something is awry because the CW ID of the repeater sounds like a spark gap CW transmission.

OLD BUSINESS

Breakfast meeting was attended by 9 persons (including Ben, who left early) – The consensus of having these meetings was once a quarter.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party at Elaine's will be either the 1st or 2nd Monday in December. George will check with Elaine.

Elves on the air will be on Saturday December 7th between 4-7 pm

Field Day 2020- David Flaherty had offered his house but George says it was not suitable. George is still looking at the PD parking lot

Hiram Percy Maxim contest George did not make any, but Dave-KB1WRZ had made 4 contacts

JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) was last weekend (10/13 & 14) – disappointed reaction when mentioned.

Ben did the VHF contest and made 11 contacts. 8 on 2meters and 3 using other modes.

The half Marathon/Full Marathon in Millinocket – will we be doing this? No information so far.

Greenville Dog Sled Race – No Information on this yet either

Net Control: 10/23: Dave-KB1WRZ – 10/30: George-WA1JMM – 11/06: George-WA1JMM – 11/13: George-WA1JMM – 11/20: TBD (Bill-KB1WEA)

Kevin brought in some Raspberry Pi's he uses for hotspots and did a small presentation on them – to which these devices can also be configured for AllStarLink and Echolink nodes, which is the new project he is working on now.

Acknowledgements:

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

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

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

In attendance were: K1DAE-Debbie E, Rob, WA1PBR-Ben, W1KMC-Kevin, WA1JMM-George and Karen, KB1WRZ-Dave, KB1WEA-Bill, K1CWO-Neal

GUESTS: KB1YPZ-Clinton from Dover-Foxcroft, John Kingsbury from Whitten's Two Way Communications in Brewer.

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

The secretary's report was accepted as posted on website and the treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,540.54 as of 11/26/2019.

Stickney Hill repeater had its hard disk and software repaired for Echolink. Now working properly.

K1PQ repeater – KB1WRZ says the N1BUG sounded as if it was on battery, but is not.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day 2020 – Still scouting for a location – Field Day this year will be on June 27th and 28th, 2020

Presentation #1 – AllstarLink and EchoLink – Bill and Kevin. AllstarLink is based on a VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) software called Asterisk (as is the Club's phone number (try it out)). For AllstarLink as with EchoLink you must be a ham operator to get a login. The AllstarLink CAN run Echolink in itself to have both interconnected. When set up The K1PQ will be node 506351 on AllstarLink and the EchoLink will work as it does now. Kevin has tested and got the node working. Like an idiot, (he is writing these minutes), he erased the SD Card. Has now been recreated and is working. Since EchoLink cannot be run at two places at once, during testing the connection was rerouted to Kevin's QTH, His RaspberryPi was turned off after testing and reverted back to the K1PQ-R settings.

Presentation #2 – Neal and John Kingsbury – How to incorporate towers and a multi site (Think N1ME's setup) for wider coverage.

John works for Whitten's Two Way Communications in Brewer and they have a tower on Charleston Hill and is willing to rent us space at the site for \$20.00/month – Site has a 120 foot tower and we can do 2 meter at 100 feet and the 440 at the 120foot height. This would provide coverage to Bangor and Greenville.

Elves on the air – December 7th, 2019 – Dave – KB1WRZ (AKA Jingles) was presented by the Bangor contingent (K1DAE-Debbie E, W1KMC-Kevin and Rob) with an Elf hat

and Elf design T-Shirt prior to the meeting. Setup is at the Milo Town Hall and the Elves on the air will be from 4:00-7:00pm

NEW BUSINESS

Possible different meeting places – Ben – Meetings at each other's houses, just something to think about.

Christmas Party will be at Elaine's in Milo at 6:00pm on December 9th. This will serve as the December meeting

Net Control Stations for the month are:

11-27 – KB1WEA-Bill | 12-04 – KB1WRZ-Dave | 12-11 – TBD | 12-18 – TBD | 12-25 – TBD – Merry Christmas.

Acknowledgements:

John Kingsbury and Neal for the Tower presentation

Next Meeting will be December 09th, 2019 (Our Christmas Party at Elaine's at 6:00pm).

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the December 09th, 2019 (Christmas Party) Meeting

In attendance were: WA1JMM-George and Karen, WA1PBR-Ben, KB1WRY-Debbie K, KB1WRZ-Dave, Rob, W1KMC-Kevin, K1DAE-Debbie E, KB1WEA-Bill, and George
GUESTS: None

We had a nice turkey dinner at Elaine's in Milo. Thank You Elaine and crew. After dinner we had gifts from the club, thank you Ben for doing this.

We discussed, somewhat, the sled dog races – The Brownville race is now official and set for January 25th & 26th – this is before the next meeting so we will be discussing this on the on-the-air meetings for helpers. [At the party we hadn't been officially requested yet, but a few days later, the call came in through the club line and the organizer was put in touch with George]

The Greenville race is the next week on February 01-02, 2020 – the same person was organizing both races.

Field Day 2020 – We will be up in Dover-Foxcroft at the Whoopie Pie Festival and setting things up at the EMA parking lot.

We adjourned around 7:30pm

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be January 28th, 2020 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.