



# Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the January 28th, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM, Karen, Dave R-KB1WRZ, Debbie K.-KB1WRY, Rob, Kevin-W1KMC, Debbie E.-K1DAE, Ben-WA1PBR, Bill-KB1WEA  
GUESTS: Dave H (New Ham-Passed Tech before meeting)

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 \$ 1,478.16 – Expenses were Emera for \$33.17 and PARC Dedicated postage for Secretary at \$11.00

No report on Stickney Hill repeater.

K1PQ repeater – There was a computer glitch which Bill has rebooted, but there are still some glitches to it. (Kevin has a Allstarlink/Echolink chip for Bill to put in a Raspberry PI, but he forgot it).

Presentations:

Bill-KB1WEA and George-WA1JMM – Set-up and running of the cross-band repeater mode of the Kenwood TM71A radio. Settings are the same as last year at the Piscataquis River race – Transmitting on Simplex UHF and receiving on the N1BUG. This was set up for the Greenville dog sled race that got cancelled.

Ben-WA1PBR – Slot cube antenna for 6 meters as published in QST

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Day 2020 – We will be set up in the EMA / Courthouse parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

After Action report on the Brownville (Maine Highlands) sled dog race.

Kevin-W1KMC was net control with Rob as an assistant. We had 23 sleds and 3 'fun run' participants.

Dave R-KB1WRZ had some notes on the race. There had been an incident during the race involving a dog sledder and a snowmobile. This had made the news on local TV.

During this time, while information was being collected, there were other hams, not part of the club, (and as Kevin says, maybe haven't worked with us before), were still calling in racers while comms on the incident were being taken This was causing some confusion but Dave had mentioned that Net Control was not the problem and we did the best we could. Suggestions for protocols for future races were made.

George-WA1JMM made the announcement that the Wilderness race for Feb 01 was cancelled due to weather.

Dave H.-TBD at meeting night, NOW KC1MPB, (New Ham, passed his Technicians test just before our meeting), had basic questions, and will meet up with George-WA1JMM the next day.

HamFest 2020 in Milo – Our original date of August 01, 2020 was booked at the Kiwanis building, so we need to find another date. (\* After the meeting the NEW date was confirmed as August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Kiwanis building.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

01/29 – KB1WEA-Bill | 02/05 – WA1JMM-George | 02/12 – KB1WRZ-Dave R | 02/19 – KB1WRY-Debbie K

Acknowledgements:

All that gave feedback on the Race

Next Meeting will be February 25th, 2020 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Dave H. took his test prior to the January meeting and passed his Technician test. His new callsign came in 8 days later as KC1MPB

Bill tried the pre-net net on 6 meters.

New HamFest 2020 date is August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the same place as usual.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.