



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the October 27th, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM, Ben-WA1PBR, Debbie E-K1DAE, Rob, Kevin-W1KMC, and Felix-KC1DUS

GUESTS: None

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 6:45 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 \$ 600.75 as of 10-27-2020. Versant (electric bill) \$20.00, which Ben says has gone down the last few months. The Invoice for the club hats that was paid for last meeting was submitted as PAID to Ben and the 10 new hats are with George-WA1JMM

Neither repeater was discussed at this meeting.

Bill-KB1WEA, through the FB group requested a sub to run the Pre-net net on 10-28, George will take it.

Kevin-W1KMC presented a WORKING AllstarLink/Echolink setup using a RasPi3 and a BRIAN he had bought for his home node. When he turned it on it announced "IP Address K1PQ 192.168.43.96" which he ran this node off his cell phone. It read K1PQ as Kevin has a working node for K1PQ when we find a suitable radio/radio interface as the BRIAN and/or SHARI discussed previously may be way underpowered to keep at KB1WEA's QTH. The problem of needing to reboot if on Stickney Hill is moot as, as soon as power is restored the Pi will boot itself again. The case Kevin gave Bill to try would have been an issue as it had a power switch built in that would not repower the Pi after a failure. Case was removed, Kevin does have a plastic case but power may be intermittent as the case is not perfectly aligned. No case CAN work but better some case than no case.

Part of Kevin's demo was Linking the AllstarLink WIN (Western Intertie Network) System on ASL node 2560 and making a contact out of California. If you have your own ASL, the K1PQ node # is 506351 (not on now as it WILL take over the K1PQ-R Echolink Node (normally when at KB1WEA QTH the Echolink reads Sebec, ME. When ASL node takes over it will read Brownville, ME [0/50])).

If you want to see what ASL can do, try connecting to Echolink W1KMC-R Node # 612217 (ASL Node 506353) or, Echolink W1KMC-L Node # 540490 (ASL Node # 506350) which is W1KMC's hubnode in the cloud. See who is connected to all 50635X nodes at <https://hubnode.50635.link/allmon2/> .

Net Control Stations for the month are:

10/28 – WA1JMM-George | 11/04 – Call-Name | 11/11 – Call-Name | 11/18 – Call-Name
| 11/25 – Call-Name | 12/2 – Call-Name

Ben-WA1PBR suggested we postpone in-person meetings until further notice. After a brief discussion, it was seconded and approved by those present

Ben-WA1PBR and Bill-KB1WEA have been working 6-Meters lately.

As stated in the Treasurer's report the hats that were ordered last month were delivered to George-WA1JMM.

George-WA1JMM asked if we (the club) could set up a means to meet by video chat. Kevin-W1KMC has had that capability for years and said he could do that easily (He has Jitsi – see https://k1pq.com/video_portal/ and 3 rooms for Uberconference – See same for links and call-in numbers IF we are to use Uberconference over Jitsi, as Jitsi has call-in capabilities once W1KMC figures how to tie it into the K1PQ phone number system). Kevin and George will try this sometime and get the word out on FB group/Website as to what to use each week, if we want to see which works best for us. Zoom is not an option at this time, but maybe in the future.

Several shared their experience in Amateur Radio over the years.

Acknowledgements: To everyone who has been working to keep PARC afloat.

Once again, there will be NO in-person meetings until further notice. Look for the announcement of video conferences on the FB group or on <https://k1pq.com> front page as things progress from here.

Next Meeting will be None - until further notice. Keep an eye on k1pq.com for video meetings.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.