



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the January 27th, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were:

On-Air – WA1JMM-George, KC1KTB-David F.*, WA1REQ-Mike, K1CWO-Neal, KB1WRY-Debbie K., KB1WRZ-Dave R., W1IHP-Scott, WA1PBR-Ben, N1GTY-Ernie, and AC1FB-Ara

On Video chat – K1DAE-Debbie E., KC1MPB- Dave H. --- W1KMC-Kevin was on both, mainly On-Air though.

GUESTS: None

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

The secretary's report was accepted as posted on website and the treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1, 017.42

Repeater reports were not given.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

KC1KTB- David F. has a NEW Call Sign, it is now W1RTB.

George had an email asking about GMRS (the General Mobile Radio Service) and if we could put one on Stickney Hill for use in that region. He read an article on GMRS. One such article is on the FCC's website and you can read it here:

<https://www.fcc.gov/general-mobile-radio-service-gmrs#:~:text=The%20General%20Mobile%20Radio%20Service,mobile%20radios%20and%20repeater%20systems.>

W1KMC-Kevin, who is also GMRS licensed (WQPI418) also gave some information on GMRS. There is already a GMRS repeater in Derby/Milo which is run by N1STO-Ricky Emery (GMRS call: WQQG481) and is on Channel 15 (or 15R for the Transmitting settings) at 462.550 + 5 MHz offset and a PL of 203.5. You cannot use GMRS with a ham call sign but, obtaining one (right now) is \$ 70.00 for 10 years but covers your entire immediate family. I say right now as when WE start getting charged by the FCC for our licenses, the cost for GMRS licenses will be going down to \$ 35.00 for 10 years just like ham licenses, so I'd say wait and save 50%.

The discussion on putting a GMRS repeater on Stickney Hill and a more general discussion was tabled for a future meeting. GMRS is around the 462 to 467 MHz range which would be of concern with the K1PQ repeater at 444 MHz.

WA1JMM-George had appreciative remarks of all the cards (all over his dining room table) of sympathy cards on the loss of his XYL Karen. The Obituary (BDN) was copied to the K1PQ website as a News item and a permanent In Memoriam section will be created soon as a permanent home for all of our silent keys and significant others.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

02/03 – KB1WRZ-Dave R. – other dates were not taken.

Next Meeting will be February 24th, 2021 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.