



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.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the February 24th, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were: ON Radio: WA1JMM-George, WA1PBR-Ben, KB1WRZ-Dave R., WA1REQ-Mike, KB1WEA-Bill --- On Video: W1KMC-Kevin (also on radio), K1DEA-Debbie E. (Listening on radio)

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 \$ 1,005.81

Stickney Hill repeater and K1PQ repeater statuses were not discussed this month

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

No Piscataquis River Race this year.

Kenduskeag River Race is going on, contact Steve Jordan (KD1OM), from Pine State ARC at sjord1053@gmail.com if you want to assist in the race.

George-WA1JMM is selling his house and must be moved out by April 05, 2021. He asked permission from the club to park his camper (new home) on Stickney Hill by the Repeater shack for the summer, or until he takes off south to Florida.

Kevin-W1KMC had said he didn't think anyone in the club would have a problem with this, but to check with the horse shoe club as he thinks (Kevin does, and is often wrong 😊) that this is on their land. George said he was going to ask them anyways to begin with.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

This was not discussed or set up for the month.

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be March 24th, 2021 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 March 24th, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were: On Radio: Wa1JMM-George, W1KMC-Kevin, K1DAE-Debbie E., WA1PBR-Ben, K2KJ-Lloyd // None on Video.

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 \$ 778.75, which was a large drop from last minutes due to \$200.00 for club insurance and \$27.00 for Versant Electric bill.

Stickney Hill repeater and K1PQ repeater were not reported on.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The yearly Election of officers will be in May at the monthly meeting on-air/video on May 26th. Nominations for these officers will be in April at the monthly on-air/video meeting. Where George will be leaving for the winter, he will not be running, and a new (at least President) will be needed. Thank You George for all you have done for the club these last few years (probably longer than W1KMC [typing up these minutes for the website], or K1DAE [Secretary] probably knows about).

Also in May the yearly dues for the club are due. These should be sent to WA1PBR at the address on the contact us page on the website at https://k1pq.com/contact_us.php -- checks made out to Piscataquis ARC. \$15/year individual or \$25/year for family. Please include call sign so our treasurer knows who has renewed for this year.

Wil we be having our own Hamfest this year in August? – Tabled until the April Meeting.

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be April 28th, 2021 at 19:00 (7:00pm) On-Air or our video link on homepage of <https://k1pq.com> .

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the April 28th, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were: WA1JMM-George, K1DAE, Debbie E., WA1PBR-Ben, KB1WRY, Debbie K, KB1WRZ-Dave R., AC1FB-Ara, W1DLO-Dan, W1KMC-Kevin
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 \$ 853.11 – as of 04-28-2021. This includes Dues paid by 1 member in and a check for Versant power for \$25.00

2021-2022 dues are due in May. The dues amount and where to send it are on the website on the contact us page at the top. (<https://k1pq.com/>)

Stickney Hill repeater and K1PQ repeater statuses wer not discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed – There was the tabled issue of the Three Rivers Hamfest this year. Cancelled??

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of club officers:

George had read the nominations of the officers as follows:

President – Dave R.-KB1WRZ

Vice President – Bill-KB1WEA

Secretary – Debbie E.- K1DAE

Treasurer – Ben-WA1PBR

On the 6:30 Pre-Net Net Bill-had said he would serve as VP if need be, but if anyone else wanted to run, he would step aside. Kevin-W1KMC discussed this with Bill on air (440) toward the end of the pre-net net. He said he would nominate Kevin and that Kevin would have his vote.

However – due to a break in procedure, Kevin is taking his name out of the running since he was not formally nominated on the 105 meeting.

NEW REPEATER: Ara-AC1FB told us of a new repeater in Dixmont on Peaks Mountain (TV-5 tower) – this repeater is on 147.015 + 0.600MHz offset with a DCS tone of 432 for FM. This repeater is also System Fusion capable (DN mode on Yaesu Fusion Capable radios). This is the first Fusion repeater in our area. If you have a Fusion capable radio,

why not give it a try. W1KMC has been using a Hotspot (personal repeater) to use Fusion. Try AmericaLink – room 32592.

To see a full list of System Fusion rooms (NOT WIRES-X) a full list (for hotspots, that should work here too) can be found at http://www.pistar.uk/ysf_reflectors.php

A list of FCS rooms are here: http://www.pistar.uk/fcs_reflectors.php

For both lists, to activate a room, use the YSF DTMF Column.

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be May 26th, 2021 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 Special Meeting on May 13th, 2021

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM, K1DAE-Debbie E., WA1PBR-Ben, KB1WRZ-Dave R., KB1WRY-Debbie K., N1MRT-Ray, Rob, W1KMC-Kevin
GUESTS: Glen Larson-N1MDS

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 6:05 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 \$ 953.41

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

W1KMC has taken the meeting minutes given to K1DAE and made PDF files of them and put them on K1PQ.COM under the Meeting Minutes page(s). – The Pictures envelopes are next on the to-do list. Not all years are accounted for, will be added as the records are obtained.

WA1PBR-Ben mentioned the June Contest.

There was discussion (much discussion) on how the April nominations were handled, and some other issues (video meetings/on air concurrent) which is not in these minutes. W1KMC can put the 1hr audio on website if requested (or to individuals who request it).

Nominations for the 2021-2022 Officers. Much discussion over the slate. KB1WRZ-President: Dave R. will not accept Presidency, KB1WRY is not able to at this time.
Vice President: KB1WEA-Bill by default
Secretary: K1DAE-Debbie E. by default
Treasurer: WA1PBR-Ben

KB1WRY-Debbie will put out an email poll.

More discussion followed concerning disbanding of the club if we can't find anyone to serve as President. General consensus seems to be the club won't disband.

Repeater reports: KB1WRZ-Dave R. reported that the 440MHZ (K1PQ) computer (read Echolink) has been doing software updates and setting of a mysterious beep. This was found to be BitDefender (a virus program), so it was turned off. The 105 (N1BUG) Dave R was able to reach KB1WRY-Debbie K. from the Allagash region.

There is a proposal in the works for a fall canoe race in late September or early October. This would not necessarily be under the auspices of the Kiwanis.

The NE QSO party: WA1PBR-Ben made 10 contacts

Next Meeting will be May 26th, 2021 On-Air at 19:00 (7:00pm).

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the May 26th, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were:

On Video: N1VWH-Gary (New Member from New Jersey)

On-Air: WA1JMM-George, W1DLO-Dan, KC1PEB-Rick, KB1WRZ-Dave R., K2KJ-Lloyd, WA1REQ-Mike, WA1PBR-Ben, K1DAE-Debbie E., KB1WRY-Debbie K., and AC1FB-Ara

GUESTS: None

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

The secretary's report from the special meeting on May 13 (these minutes are posted [here](#)), these need to be accepted as well as this one at the next meeting. The treasurer's report was not done at this time as it was submitted at the May 13th meeting linked to above. Treasury had \$ 953.41 (from May 13th special meeting). WA1PBR did say that due to a problem on the 444.95 (K1PQ) machine that the electric bill was quite a bit higher.

We did not discuss any business as WA1JMM had forgotten that this was to be the monthly meeting and had other things on his mind. The Nomination of officers did not happen here this month either.

Next Meeting will be June 23rd, 2021 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 June 22nd, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were:

George-WA1JMM, Kevin-W1KMC, Debbie E.-K1DAE, Ben-WA1PBR, Bill-KB1WEA, Lloyd-K2KJ, Chip-KB1QU, Ray-N1MRT, Dave R-KB1WRZ

GUESTS: Bill Baird-AE6SP

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 6:00 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 \$ 979.27 . New Versant bill had not been received yet.

K1PQ repeater is temporarily offline. There is a mystery signal causing problems so Bill has turned it off for the time being until it can be worked out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Slate of officers for 2021-2022 was as follows:

President – George Dean -WA1JMM

Vice President – Kevin Carman – W1MC

Secretary – Debbie Ellis – K1DAE

Treasurer – Ben Kittredge – WA1PBR

An informal vote came in unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Day 2021 – Dave-KB1WRZ will pick up the Brownville trailer on Friday and set up. Bill-KB1WEA says we will file as individuals rather than a group – George-WA1JMM says we are designation 3A. Field Day times are 13:00 Saturday to 13:00 Sunday.

George-WA1JMM received a letter from Derrick Oulette-KW1A, our area ARRL Assistant Section Manager, which he passed on to Kevin-W1KMC, concerning our contact information on the ARRL website. Kevin updated this information, although he shouldn't have been able to do it as he was not yet marked as a PARC club officer.

The above slate of officers were presented again as a few people showed up a little late. Again, this was voted as unanimous. Ray-N1MRT made a motion to have the Secretary cast one vote. 2nd and passed.

George said Kevin had a video presentation. This was untrue, but was supposed to be for those who could not attend in person, but Kevin did not have the wi-fi password needed

to get this going in time. We will be attempting the Video/in-person meetings in the next couple meetings to see if it is worth keeping going.

The meeting time will stay at 19:00 (7:00pm) as George made a mistake this month.

Dave-KB1WRZ wants to ask in the Kiwanis would consider sponsoring a autumn (fall) river race. Ben will try contacting his former contacts about this.

MARF – The Ham Radio License Plates campaign – there is a petition that you can sign. See more info through the Maine Amateur Radio Foundation website.

Bill says no pre-net net on K1PQ due to the aforementioned issues.

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be July 27th, 2021 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 27th, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM, Kevin-W1KMC, Debbie E-K1DAE, Ben-WA1PBR, Dave R-KB1WRZ, Ray-N1MRT, and Lloyd-K2KJ

GUESTS: Luke, Steve, and Dave French-N4KET

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 our website and the treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 958.64 as of July 27th, 2021

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day report was :

We had a 2X Multiplier on all contacts

CW Contacts 119 (double points)

Digital Contacts 11 (double points)

Phone contacts 49 (single point)

Emergency Power 300 points

ARRL Field Day Message copy 100 points

50 point bonus (for what?)

$$((119*2) + (11*2) + 49) + 300 + 100 + 50$$

$$((238 + 22 + 49) * 2) + 450$$

$$(309 * 2) + 450$$

$$618 + 450 = 1068$$

Also mentioned was Satellite 119 80 Meters 28 and 160 Meters 32, but we (K1DAE and W1KMC) did not know if these numbers were in the 1069 total or not.

Dave R-KB1WRZ explained what Field Day was all about to our two guests Luke and Steve, and George-WA1JMM explained what a QSO was as well.

K1PQ (440) repeater is fixed, more or less. Code for repeater has been reloaded.

Echolink has been changed to a Hard PTT (vox turned off on sysop computer). There is a loose RF connection and Lloyd-K2KJ has some ideas for improvement.

Lloyd has been an engineer for repeaters.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave French-N4KET (guest), a former CNN news anchor in the early days (80's), was originally from the Brownville/Milo area. His father was also a Ham.

Dave R.-KB1WRZ mentioned qrz.com to our newcomer guests as a place to find out more about other hams. Lloyd-K2KJ also explained what contesting was.

Dave F.-N4KET brought a few boxes of old ham wires and stuff or people to go through and take, he brought the boxes hoping to leave with NO boxes. Everyone got to look through them and take what they wanted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting will be August 24th, 2021 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 24th, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were: W1KMC-Kevin, WA1PBR-Ben, KB1WRZ-Dave R., N1MRT-Ray, K2KJ-Lloyd, and on Video were K1DAE-Debbie E. and WA1REQ-Mike
GUESTS: N1VWH-Gary (May be member??)

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club vice-president Kevin Carman (W1KMC) convened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance in the absence of George-WA1JMM.

The secretary's report was accepted as posted on website and the treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,001.27

Dave R-KB1WRZ spoke with Bill-KB1WEA about the K1PQ (444.950 + 103.5) repeater. It is still having some trouble due to power outages.

Ben-WA1PBR suggested maybe having a picnic for members when the weather cools down. We can discuss on the on-air meetings to see when.

Per Mike-WA1REQ, the Windsor Hamfest is cancelled.

This meeting was also on Video using Uberconference this time. The Milo Town Hall now has a Guest-WiFi network that will make things like this a bit better. We have two ways to do video now – the one we will use each week will be posted on k1pq.com's homepage as a large blue link – Uberconference has a call in number for those on the road or do not wish to use the video component – the other service (Jitsi) does not.

Using Uberconference , Just type your Name and Callsign to join. You DO NOT need to create an Uberconference account to join.

The Jitsi variant (Built into k1pq site on Video Linkup page requires a host to prevent others from hijacking resources. Once in the meeting, click on the 3 dots on your picture (or Black box if you don't want video) and rename yourself.

Both versions will ask for permission to use Camera and Microphone the FIRST time you access these options.

Kevin is doing this as a benefit to those who cannot make regular meetings due to limitations or distances. This may be a regular option if it works well but is not meant to supplant in person attendance of our group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm (Lloyd Gary, and Kevin stayed outside for a while afterwards, talking. This lasted about 45 minutes to an hour.

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be September 28th, 2021 at 19:00 (7:00pm) ONLINE only due to rise in C-19 cases in Piscataquis County. Please see K1PQ.Com to join.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the September 28th, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were: (On Video:) WA1REQ-Mike, K1DAE-Debbie E., W1KMC-Kevin, KB1WEA-Bill

GUESTS: Dr David McDermott from Northern Light Mayo Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club vice-president Kevin Carman (W1KMC) convened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Due to the guest speaker and only 4 members, club business was not conducted this month.

PRESENTATION:

Dr. McDermott brought the club up to date on Covid vaccines. According to him, the Moderna is not new, having been researched over the last 10 years.

FDA approval has been granted for the Pfizer vaccine. However, Pfizer is the one that does require the third booster.

Moderna is currently seeking FDA approval. Moderna has a longer time for immunity, so may not require the booster.

Johnson & Johnson, the 'one and done', will require the second booster to bring the immunity level of protection derived from the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

If anyone has any questions, or would like Dr. MacDermott to speak to your group, please contact him at dmacdermott@northernlight.org.

This concluded the presentation. This is what the club phone number is for. If someone wanted to contact the club to do a presentation or attend our meetings, it gives them a real person to talk to.

Acknowledgements: Thanks to Dr. McDermott for joining us tonight.

Next Meeting will be October 26th, 2021 at 19:00 (7:00pm) on Video, link to room on K1PQ.COM.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the October 26th, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were: WA1JMM-George, W1KMC-Kevin, K1DAE-Debbie E., K2KJ-Lloyd, KB1WRZ-Dave R., KB1WEA-Bill, KC1MPB-Dave H.

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 not given at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: none discussed

NEW BUSINESS: KB1WEA-Bill has put to the club that the Trustee role (K1PQ Club Call sign trustee) be changed to be K2KJ-Lloyd since he has more experience with repeaters to do a better job. Bill wishes to do the changeover for January 2022.

A radio comment and vote was held on-air. W1KMC-Kevin asked how that was to be accomplished (is it a refiling of a form 605, or do we (officers) need to write a letter to go along with a form or what is the process? He has no issues with changing, more procedural questions.

KB1WRZ-Dave R. was concerned about Lloyd's willingness to take the job, but Lloyd did come up and say he is willing to take on the role.

K2KJ-Lloyd and KB1WEA-Bill are working on the 605 for the FCC. WA1JMM-George asked them to make the transition with the FCC. (As of Nov 21, the change is not updated in FCC call sign lookup database).

No other business was on the agenda.

KB1WRZ-Dave R. said that the solar index was rising: 104 at 5AM...109 by 5pm.

George thanked Kevin for setting up the video link.---NOTE: Video experiment is a failure and will not be continued, we cannot have radio and video going at once (Audio delay and feedback ensues in the videos, little to no use.

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be November 23rd, 2021 at 19:00 (7:00pm) on the N1BUG 147.105 repeater.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the November 23rd, 2021 Meeting

In attendance were: WA1JMM-George, K2KJ-Lloyd, K1DAE-Debbie E., W1KMC-Kevin, and KC1PEB-Rick

GUESTS: None

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

The secretary's report was accepted as posted on website and the treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 922.98

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Ben-WA1PBR has scheduled a testing session for Sunday December 12th, 2021 at 1:00pm at the Milo tow offices.

**** George had messaged the secretary after the testing session to let her know of the results. The VEs in attendance were WA1JMM-George, KB1WRY-Debbie K., and WA1PBR-Ben. There were 4 candidates. 2 achieved General, 1 Technician and 1 no license earned. ****

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be January 25th, 2022 at 19:00 (7:00pm) on-air only unless otherwise posted on k1pq.com's main page or stated on the weekly on-air meetings.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.