



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the March 22nd, 2022 Meeting

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM, Kevin-W1KMC, Debbie E-K1DAE, Ben-WA1PBR, Lloyd-K2KJ, Paul K.-N1BUG, Debbie K.-KB1WRY, Dave R.-KB1WRZ, Ray, N1MRT, Dave H-KC1MPB, Neal-K1CWO, Rob (video link), Bill-KB1WEA, Dave F. (video Link)-W1RTB, and Paul P-KC1QXF (New Ham and New Member, Welcome Paul)

GUESTS: None

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 \$ 596.90 . \$60 in dues was deposited and the Versant Electric was paid \$34.19 .

Stickney Hill repeater: Paul K-N1BUG has plans to refurbish the repeater in May. He also has plans for a 10GHz lo power beacon.

K1PQ repeater: Lloyd-K2KJ Repeater is still breaking squelch with no predictability to it. He has plans to take a closer look at it in the spring.

Club Trustee: Lloyd-K2KJ as club trustee has a list of club owned equipment that he got from Bill-KB1WEA (previous Trustee) when he brought it from his house. This list was given to the secretary (Debbie E-K1DAE) and is to be included with these minutes as an attachment to the end of these minutes. The list can be found here: [Inventory Attachment](#)

Ben-WA1PBR brought some equipment to sell so we took a short break.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave R-KB1WRZ - Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race is April 16th, 2022. The PARC contingent that usually helps out (Dave R-KB1WRZ, Debbie K.-KB1WRY, Ben-WA1PBR, and anyone else that wants to join them would be welcome. At last report would also include Dave H and Michelle (KC1MPB and KC1NJD) and Lloyd-K2KJ according to the list from Pine State ARC.

Dave R-KB1WRZ – Piscataquis River Race is April 23rd, 2022. Dave R.-KB1WRZ, Kevin-W1KMC and Rob had attended the 2nd planning meeting for the race on March 21st, 2022 at the Dover-Foxcroft town office with the Kiwanis organizers. Dave R.-KB1WRZ met the new Piscataquis EMA Director, Jaeme Duggan, she is not a ham herself but has two planners John B.-KC1QPU and Alsina B.-KC1QOG who recently passed their tests online (they went through GLAARG (<https://glaarg.org>)). Alcina-KC1QOG wants to go for her General also.

Race locations, including the Start and Finish, George-WA1JMM will be working at one or both. Other locations are Sangerville Bridge, the Covered Bridge, Cemetery, Railroad ITS Bridge. Kevin-W1KMC is going to be in the EMA Comms trailer with KC1QOG and KC1QPU (Alsina and John). Dave would like to see each point doubled up (ham with a non-ham).

Radio will be Simplex (finalized at the next meeting) The final race planning meeting is on April 18th, 2022 at Noon in Dover-Foxcroft.

Lloyd-K2KJ is officially the K1PQ trustee as of Feb 02, 2022 and is in the FCC database as such.

NEW BUSINESS

Lloyd-K2KJ had spoken with Fred Kemmerer-AB1OC, one of the New England Section leaders concerning incentives for new hams. Suggestions were made concerning either a starter Baofeng radio (W1KMC has a better starter radio just a bit more than the Baofeng but much better), or a 1-year free membership in PARC. After considerable discussion, Lloyd-K2KJ made the motion to consider these options, motion seconded by Debbie K-KB1WRY. Motion carried.

Dave H.-KC1MPB pointed out that 33% of new hams were present at this meeting.

Ben-WA1PBR asked Lloyd-K2KJ, Do we have or can we obtain a list of new hams in Piscataquis county. The ULS has the ability to show when a license is Granted and you can do it by state at least.

Lloyd-K2KJ made a new motion (somewhat of a modification to the previous one) to put out for loan for 6-months some new equipment to new hams. Motion moved, seconded, and passed

Officer Nominations:

George-WA1JMM is stepping down as President at the end of his term. This last year has been a bit hard for him. Ben-WA1PBR is also stepping down as Treasurer.

Nominations for Officers are as follows:

President: Dave R.-KB1WRZ

Vice-President: Kevin-W1KMC and Lloyd-K2KJ were both nominated but Kevin-W1KMC stepped out of this position.

Secretary: Debbie E.-K1DAE

Treasurer: Kevin-W1KMC – It was Kevin’s choice to step aside in the VP race to step into this role instead.

More discussion on these nominations will be held in the April meeting with the final vote in May.

Club Hats \$15.00 (See George-WA1JMM) We also have shirts made to order – see Kevin-W1KMC to order – these take about 2 weeks to get back. Red with Club logo and your name and call sign embroidered on them.

As stated in the attendance list, Paul P.- (at the meeting did not have a call sign) assigned KC1QXF on March 24th, 2022 , has paid his dues and is now a PARC member. He took his test with Pine State on Mar 19, with AI1O-Pete.

Next Meeting will be April 19th, 2022 at 18:00 (6:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

*** PLEASE NOTE THE DATE – 1 WEEK EARLY – due to the river race the next Saturday. ***

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.