



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the April 19th, 2022 Meeting

In attendance were: Kevin-W1KMC, Debbie E-K1DAE, Ben-WA1PBR, Dave R-KB1WRZ, Debbie K-KB1WRY, Rob, David H-KC1MPB, Neal-K1CWO, Lloyd-K2KJ, Paul P-KC1QXF, Bill-KB1WEA

GUESTS: Michael Parziale

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club Vice-President Kevin Carman (W1KMC) 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 \$ 686.90 – Dues Received tonight + a donation totaling \$60.00

Dave R. has managed to hit both the N1BUG and K1PQ repeaters from Midcoast Maine to Patten, Maine

George Dean was unable to attend the meeting as he has recently moved to Bangor (Winterberry Heights, 932 Ohio St) – Kevin was there for a different reason and does have his apartment number but feels inappropriate to list here without George's consent first. George had mentioned on air of his move to WH so that is why it is here.

Dave R. had proposed getting George a card to thank him for all he has done. Kevin and Debbie have the card, and 2 other items from the club – they are NOT seeking reimbursement for the extras as they were an afterthought, but a nice gesture for George.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officer Elections: Kevin recapped the nominations for officers from last month which were DaveR-KB1WRZ for President, Lloyd-K2KJ for Vice-President, Debbie E-K1DAE for Secretary, and Kevin-W1KMC for Treasurer. He then asked if there were any new nominations. Hearing none the nominations were closed, and the Secretary then cast one vote for each officer as there was only one nomination per office. The new Officers then took over at this point. Kevin then turned the meeting over to new President Dave R-KB1WRZ.

NEW BUSINESS

Piscataquis River Canoe Race: Dave R and Kevin attended the final meeting of the PRCR with Kiwanis on April 18th.

Meet at McDonald's in Dover-Foxcroft at 08:00. Checkpoints will use Simplex to Douty Hill (Dave R – K1PQ Net Control) We have Vests (Yellow and Orange) and RED PARC Clipboard to give out for the race. Dave informed the Race organizers that if racers or

anyone else need help, to look for our vests and we will hold up the RED clip board for people calling out for help so they can see us. – Please return the Vests and clip board to Dave or another club officer so we can keep track of them.

Guilford Fire Rescue is sending two teams out, but they are on duty and could be called away from the race at any time.

There will be two sweep boats.

We will be using K1PQ as the event call (Net Control).

Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race: Dave R gave a brief recap of the race from the 16th, which he, Debbie K, Ben, and Lloyd attended and manned Route 15 checkpoint.

Other Projects and Events:

Some people are interested in digital modes (DMR, etc.)

Dave has made up membership cards, these new cards will be passed out at the next meeting to those whose dues are paid already. Dues are due in May of each year. Individual is \$15 and Family is \$20 – if you cannot attend meetings but want to pay your dues, see the k1pq.com website under contact us for the address to send the check to (Payable to PARC).

Hamfest: We need to make money from it. Selling equipment donated is one way of doing this. Possibility of selling stuff at the Hermon Hamfest (June 4th).

Bill the New England QSO Party is May 7th and 8th, Piscataquis County is usually well represented (and coveted by others in the contest). Lloyd also commented on this saying any club members participating should send their logs to him and he will aggregate them into a club log for submission.

Bill suggested that we find the strong and weak signal points of our repeater coverage.

Net Control: Dave would like to see the club officers take NC of the Wednesday night 7:00 on air net meeting. This will start after the May 24th meeting.

JOTA: Jamboree on the Air – contact Piscataquis council and see if people would be interested. Dave has attended JOTA in the past (so did Kevin and Rob one year), but the interest of the scouts was poor.

Kevin: New Ham club incentive(s) – this was brought up last month. A few ideas were kicked around of 1st year free membership, an inexpensive radio, or other incentives. Kevin has a decent ‘upgrade’ from the popular Baofeng UV-5R (\$25) it is the Tytera TH-UV88 and is just a bit more at \$40.00 he uses these himself as does Debbie they have 2 in reserve at the moment.

Neal had raised the question on if the Piscataquis ARC is a 501(c)(3) group. Debbie K says we are, but upon some research, we may not be. Kevin and others need to do some more research on this matter.

Dave would like the club to be able to get grants.

Field Day: the Brownville Fire Department trailer is no longer available.

Dave R would like the club to offer lifetime memberships. Pine State does this, and we should check with KB2USA-Tom Colavito. Kevin likes this idea but would like to be able to say, take payments for those on fixed income (X/payments within a year – ARRL does this – of course theirs is quite expensive).

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be May 24th, 2022 at 18:00 (6:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM: Dave had 4 hats left after the PRCR, so Kevin went to our hat person and ordered more. For those that do not know we have hats and shirts, and Kevin is inquiring on windbreaker or light jackets. Our supplier will get him a price list.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.