



# Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

## Secretary's Report for the November 26th, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: K1DAE-Debbie E, Rob, WA1PBR-Ben, W1KMC-Kevin, WA1JMM-George and Karen, KB1WRZ-Dave, KB1WEA-Bill, K1CWO-Neal

GUESTS: KB1YPZ-Clinton from Dover-Foxcroft, John Kingsbury from Whitten's Two Way Communications in Brewer.

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 website and the treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,540.54 as of 11/26/2019.

Stickney Hill repeater had its hard disk and software repaired for Echolink. Now working properly.

K1PQ repeater – KB1WRZ says the N1BUG sounded as if it was on battery, but is not.

### OLD BUSINESS

Field Day 2020 – Still scouting for a location – Field Day this year will be on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Presentation #1 – AllstarLink and EchoLink – Bill and Kevin. AllstarLink is based on a VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) software called Asterisk (as is the Club's phone number (try it out) ). For AllstarLink as with EchoLink you must be a ham operator to get a login. The AllstarLink CAN run Echolink in itself to have both interconnected. When set up The K1PQ will be node 506351 on AllstarLink and the EchoLink will work as it does now. Kevin has tested and got the node working. Like an idiot, (he is writing these minutes), he erased the SD Card. Has now been recreated and is working. Since EchoLink cannot be run at two places at once, during testing the connection was rerouted to Kevin's QTH, His RaspberryPi was turned off after testing and reverted back to the K1PQ-R settings.

Presentation #2 – Neal and John Kingsbury – How to incorporate towers and a multi site (Think N1ME's setup) for wider coverage.

John works for Whitten's Two Way Communications in Brewer and they have a tower on Charleston Hill and is willing to rent us space at the site for \$20.00/month – Site has a 120 foot tower and we can do 2 meter at 100 feet and the 440 at the 120foot height. This would provide coverage to Bangor and Greenville.

Elves on the air – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Dave – KB1WRZ (AKA Jingles) was presented by the Bangor contingent (K1DAE-Debbie E, W1KMC-Kevin and Rob) with an Elf hat

and Elf design T-Shirt prior to the meeting. Setup is at the Milo Town Hall and the Elves on the air will be from 4:00-7:00pm

#### NEW BUSINESS

Possible different meeting places – Ben – Meetings at each other's houses, just something to think about.

Christmas Party will be at Elaine's in Milo at 6:00pm on December 9<sup>th</sup>. This will serve as the December meeting

Net Control Stations for the month are:

11-27 – KB1WEA-Bill | 12-04 – KB1WRZ-Dave | 12-11 – TBD | 12-18 – TBD | 12-25 – TBD – Merry Christmas.

Acknowledgements:

John Kingsbury and Neal for the Tower presentation

Next Meeting will be December 09th, 2019 (Our Christmas Party at Elaine's at 6:00pm).

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.