



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the January 28th, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM, Karen, Dave R-KB1WRZ, Debbie K.-KB1WRY, Rob, Kevin-W1KMC, Debbie E.-K1DAE, Ben-WA1PBR, Bill-KB1WEA
GUESTS: Dave H (New Ham-Passed Tech before meeting)

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 \$ 1,478.16 – Expenses were Emera for \$33.17 and PARC Dedicated postage for Secretary at \$11.00

No report on Stickney Hill repeater.

K1PQ repeater – There was a computer glitch which Bill has rebooted, but there are still some glitches to it. (Kevin has a Allstarlink/Echolink chip for Bill to put in a Raspberry PI, but he forgot it).

Presentations:

Bill-KB1WEA and George-WA1JMM – Set-up and running of the cross-band repeater mode of the Kenwood TM71A radio. Settings are the same as last year at the Piscataquis River race – Transmitting on Simplex UHF and receiving on the N1BUG. This was set up for the Greenville dog sled race that got cancelled.

Ben-WA1PBR – Slot cube antenna for 6 meters as published in QST

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Day 2020 – We will be set up in the EMA / Courthouse parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

After Action report on the Brownville (Maine Highlands) sled dog race.

Kevin-W1KMC was net control with Rob as an assistant. We had 23 sleds and 3 'fun run' participants.

Dave R-KB1WRZ had some notes on the race. There had been an incident during the race involving a dog sledder and a snowmobile. This had made the news on local TV.

During this time, while information was being collected, there were other hams, not part of the club, (and as Kevin says, maybe haven't worked with us before), were still calling in racers while comms on the incident were being taken This was causing some confusion but Dave had mentioned that Net Control was not the problem and we did the best we could. Suggestions for protocols for future races were made.

George-WA1JMM made the announcement that the Wilderness race for Feb 01 was cancelled due to weather.

Dave H.-TBD at meeting night, NOW KC1MPB, (New Ham, passed his Technicians test just before our meeting), had basic questions, and will meet up with George-WA1JMM the next day.

HamFest 2020 in Milo – Our original date of August 01, 2020 was booked at the Kiwanis building, so we need to find another date. (* After the meeting the NEW date was confirmed as August 15th, 2020 at the Kiwanis building.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

01/29 – KB1WEA-Bill | 02/05 – WA1JMM-George | 02/12 – KB1WRZ-Dave R | 02/19 – KB1WRY-Debbie K

Acknowledgements:

All that gave feedback on the Race

Next Meeting will be February 25th, 2020 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Dave H. took his test prior to the January meeting and passed his Technician test. His new callsign came in 8 days later as KC1MPB

Bill tried the pre-net net on 6 meters.

New HamFest 2020 date is August 15th, 2020 at the same place as usual.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the February 25th, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: Ben-WA1PBR, Rob, Dave R.-KB1WRZ, Debbie K.-KB1WRY, Kevin-W1KMC, Debbie E.-K1DAE, George-WA1JMM, Karen, David H.-KC1MPB, Bill-KB1WEA

GUESTS: Paul Preble (Friend of Dave H.)

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

With guest present, introductions all around.

Presentation #1 - Dave R.-KB1WRZ brought in his travel box that he uses for the sled dog races. He is heading up to the CanAm race in Fort Kent this weekend. The box contains all the equipment he uses. Box costs about \$39.00 . Dave also gave a brief synopsis of the CanAm races. 30 mile, 100 miles, and 250 miles

Presentation #2 – Bill-KB1WEA brought in antennae to create different configurations.

George-WA1JMM then asked Bill-KB1WEA for a report on Stickney Hill.

Stickney Hill repeater – Paul and he went up to the site and pulled the power supply. Paul wrote a small diatribe on the K1PQ facebook page.

K1PQ repeater is up and running and used for the Pre-Net Net at 6:30pm on Wednesdays (also available through Echolink [k1pq-r])

The secretary's report was accepted as posted on website and the treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,457.13 –

Expenses – Emera for \$30.00 / Dave R. \$20.00 extra power supply.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day 2020 – Dover-Foxcroft – We will be set up in the EMA/Courthouse parking lot as part of the Whoopie Pie Festival.

NEW BUSINESS

Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race (Pine State ARC - Bangor) – April 18th, 2020 – Request for volunteers. (Ben, Dave R., Debbie K., Dave H. (?))

Piscataquis River Race - April 25th, 2020 – General meeting to be held on March 10th, 2020

Hamfest 2020 will be on August 15th, 2020 at the Kiwanis Building in Milo.

Dave R. reminded everyone of the Sebec River Race, and he will bring information on that one as soon as he has it.

Bil brought up the Simplex Challenge to be held on March 28th, 2020, and suggested that it was a god challenge for new hams.

Kevin and Debbie E. mentioned the next Pine State ARC exam session was on March 14th, 2020 at 9:00 AM – Site Change after meeting – new site is the Dunkin Donuts across from Wal-Mart in Brewer. Contact is Pete Bither [AI1O] .

Net Control Stations for the month are:

2/26 – KB1WRY-Debbie K. | 3/4 – KC1MPB-Dave H. | 3/11 – WA1JMM-George | 3/18 – KB1WEA-Bill

Acknowledgements:

Ben – our ‘behind the scenes’ guy, everyone for all the work we do.

Next Meeting will be March 24th, 2020 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Dear George and staff,

Thank you again for your help with communications at our January 25th sled dog race in Brownville. We had 22 dog teams and one skijorer, which I considered a pretty good turnout. The mushers thought the trail was great on Saturday; of course, Sunday had to be cancelled due to the weather, but that's sled dog racing! Given the snowmobile-musher incident, your services allowed us to become aware of the incident as soon as possible, and with details provided by the radio operators, we were able to alert the Warden service, and give a good discription of the location. Fortunately for all involved, injuries appeared to be minor to the musher, and no dogs were injured in the accident. As we all realize, it could have been much worse. It is always very reassuring that your club members are out on the trail and at headquarters providing a level of safety we would not otherwise have.

We hope to put the race on again in Brownville next year. I do appreciate your suggestions to mark the trail to better alert snowmobilers to the dog teams, and having EMS on standby. We will be having organizing meetings in the near future, and will bring these recommendations to the team. We always hope to put on a fun race for the participants, but safety is our first concern.

Thanks again George, and please thank the other guys who turned out for the race. The Wilderness Race committee in Greenville (I'm a board member for that group) will also be planning for next year. Thanks for your efforts in Greenville too, we all hope for better conditions next year.

Sincerely,

Jill Carter,
President, The Maine Highlands Sled Dog Club



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the Saturday May 30th, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: Ben-WA1PBR, Dave-KB1WRZ, George-WA1JMM, Karen, and Ray-N1MRT
GUESTS: None

We held our first face-to-face in a long while at the gazebo in Milo.

We discussed the upcoming VHF contest which we will do from Stickney Hill on June 14th and 15th. We also discussed doing Field day 2020 as a Class 3A or 4A. We will use two generators, one from Dave-KB1WRZ and one from George-WA1JMM, both running on propane. Bill-KB1WEA will probably operate digital modes remotely from his home QTH in Sebec but 'technically' be operating from Stickney hill for Field Day purposes.

We decided that since Milo Town Offices are scheduled to open as of June 1st, Ben-WA1PBR will schedule our next meeting for June 23rd, 2020 at 7:00pm. This will be just before field day on the 27th and 28th of June.

We will have our final discussion on FD2020 at this meeting.

The treasurer's report was given, and we have \$ 1,077.29.

Net Control Stations for the month so far are:

06/03 – WA1JMM-George | 06/10 – WA1PBR-Ben | 06/17 – KB1WRZ-Dave

We will select the 24th at the face-to-face on the 23rd.

Ben-WA1PBR reported that he had ordered a new antenna that will hopefully be here in time for the VHF contest. There was plenty of room at the gazebo for social distancing, especially with so few of us there.

Don't forget the Pre-Net Net at 6:30pm Wednesdays just before our on-the-air net at 7:00pm – Pre-net net is on the 444.950 (+5MHz offset, 103.5 tone) repeater which also can be connected to vial Echolink (search K1PQ-R, or Key in Node # 896607

Next Meeting will be June 23rd, 2020 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

These notes were taken by WA1JMM-George and sent as an email, to which W1KMC-Kevin transcribes for K1DAE-Debbie to be posted on the website.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the June 23rd, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: Ben-WA1PBR, Dave R.-KB1WRZ, Rob, George-WA1JMM, Karen, Debbie-K1DAE, Kevin-W1KMC, David H.-KC1MPB

GUESTS: Michelle H. (XYL of KC1MPB)

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 read, (will be posted to K1PQ website as soon as migration to new server is completed), and accepted as posted on website and the treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 1,109.67. Emera bill of \$26.00 was paid.

Ben-WA1PBR did a presentation on early methods of getting a 2-meter /70cm public service radio tuned to amateur bands by tuning crystals. The 2-meter band is between 144.00MHz and 148.00MHz where as public service radios were just above this at 150MHz

Debbie-K1DAE and Kevin-W1KMC did a short presentation on the Online remote testing that is available from a few VECs – ARRL is training a few teams now but KL7AA (Anchorage Alaska group), W5YI (out of Texas) and GLAARG (Greater L.A. Amateur Radio Group) are busy at doing remote testing on a regular basis.

If you have ever used hamstudy.org (the .com is a Canadian version but paid subscription), the program these VECs (W5YI, GLAARG, and slowly ARRL) use is called examtools. This was meant for in person testing but adapted quite nicely to remote testing. For info on a remote test, you can call us at the club phone # 207-631-2593/888-587-9296 and we can give you more details. We use Zoom for video and we have the examinee share their screen so we can watch them take the test.

Both W1KMC and K1DAE used this. W1KMC for Upgrade to General and AmExtra, and K1DAE for all 3 of her tests.

One way to support both hamstudy.org (take practice tests here first, exam tools is based off of hamstudy), and also Exam Tools is by the developer's sister site signalstuff.com – They sell antennas for HTs for about \$20/each. SMA-F (Baofeng, Anytone) SMA-M (Tytera) and even BNC can be made for scanners and HTs with BNC connectors. Orders over \$50 is free shipping (W1KMC has 2 of these antennas and wants MORE).

Remote testing turnaround time for a passed tech to get a call sign is a few hours (on a weekday, depending on the VEC, GLAARG has seen 3 hour call signs), to just 48 hours or less (weekends FCC doesn't process until Monday).

George-WA1JMM presented reports from Bill-KB1WEA and Paul-N1BUG on the status of the repeaters.

Bill-KB1WEA will be working from home QTH until further notice. He also suggested an informal Sideband net on 10, 6, or 2 meters, says 6 meters is hopping these days.

Neal-K1CWO is still having radio issues. Dave-KB1WRZ said the N1BUG 147.105 has timed out twice on him.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day will be conducted at Stickney Hill on June 27th and 28th, social distancing will be observed. Club will operate as a 4A again. Activities will start around 2:00pm.

VHF Contest – Ben-WA1PBR put up antennas for 2-Meter 440 and 1296 (1.2GHz). George had 80 contacts and worked 50 grid squares. Optimum time for contacts was 3-6 pm.

NEW BUSINESS none

Net Control Stations for the month are:

06/24 – KB1WRZ-Dave R. | 07/01 – WA1JMM-George | 07/08 – Call-Name | 07/15 – Call-Name | 7/22 – Call-Name

Acknowledgements:

Ben-WA1PBR for the VHF contest. Everyone for what they do for the club.

Next Meeting will be July 28th, 2020 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

After the meeting Debbie-K1DAE, Kevin-W1KMC and Ben-WA1PBR conducted an inperson exam (ARRL VEC) for Michelle H. to get her Tech license. She PASSED!!! Ben submitted to ARRL and she had her call sign issued on June 29th (via mail and a weekend in there, that is a quick turnaround. Michelle is KC1NJD and was heard on our on-the-air net that Wednesday. Since she passed before field day, and it was stated by KC1MPB that the vehicle with the radio was in use on the 6/24 net, Kevin-W1KMC had a VHF radio that was ‘collecting dust’ that had been given to him by one of his elmers when Kevin though his very first mobile (an Icom, IC207H) had been fried, (all it needed was a new fan—that was replaced and is operable, but not in use, but Kevin has ideas

[run, hide, Kevin has ideas! 😊]). The Elmer, KT1R-Lou, who is no longer in the area had given him an Icom IC2300 65Watt VHF only mobile. As a welcome, Kevin passed along this unit to someone who could really use one. It also encourages a new ham to get on the air!

Congratulations Michelle-KC1NJD on your license. Welcome to the worlds second most expensive hobby, oh and to the Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club. 😊

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary. Transcribed, expanded on and commented on by Kevin-W1KMC (just call me the assistant secretary).



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the July 28th, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: Dave R.-JB1WRZ, Ray-N1MRT, Ben-WA1PBR, Debbie K.-KB1WRY, Kevin-W1KMC, Rob, George-WA1JMM, Karen, Debbie E.-K1DAE

GUESTS: None

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 6:55 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 \$ 1,214.07 – several have paid their dues.

Kevin – W1KMC had done a presentation on the status of the AllstarLink/Echolink project and is still in process of figuring out the last few pieces of the puzzle. There are three devices to choose from but to which is best for the way we intend to utilize this equipment – All three can be explained, how to assemble, as well as the price can be found at <https://hamprojects.info> and look for BRIAN-SM, DINAH (I have a radio to use with this, but think it may be overkill for PARC) and SHARI.

Stickney Hill repeater – Paul says all is OK

K1PQ repeater – Bill says is all OK. Also K1PQ now has a back-up battery.

Bill says he has been working DX into South America.

OLD BUSINESS

VHF contest feedback – times were needed for confirmation. Next time please include times.

Dues are still being collected – please speak to Ben. Or mail to the dues address on the website on the contact_us page (https://k1pq.com/contact_us.php).

George has made contact with new hams in Monson and Bradley. K1ORQ is in Bradley.

Website has been moved to a private box (k1pq.club still works but is now officially (at least should be) K1PQ.COM – data is migrated but not “prettified” as yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Ben asked – Has the EMA director's feelings changed about working with the club?

Net Control Stations for the month are:

Jul 29th – KB1WRZ-Dave | Aug 05 – George-WA1JMM | Aug 12 – Bill-KB1WEA |
Aug 19 – Debbie K.-KB1WRY

Acknowledgements:

Kevin, Debbie E., Dave R., Debbie K., and Ben.

Next Meeting will be August 25th, 2020 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 25th, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM, Karen, Debbie E-K1DAE, Dave R-KB1WRZ, Ray-N1MRT, Ben-WA1PBR, Rob, Kevin-W1KMC
GUESTS: None

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 \$ 1,251.59 – Dues received from 3 more (new?) members – Michael and Angela Briggs – KL3UX/KL3VA respectively and Ed King-N4HEK (friend of KB1QU-Chip

Stickney Hill repeater is OK
K1PQ repeater is OK

NEW FEATURE: Taking a page out of the Pine State ARC playbook we have started the "What happened in your shack last month?" segment where we go around the room and tell what we did (contacts, new equipment , whatever). So here Goes.

W1MC/K1DAE (Kevin and Debbie E) – No real activity
KB1WRZ-Dave – Tried contacts on 6-meters (none). Did make 25-30 contacts on 20-meters.
N1MRT-Ray – Has a J-Pole up and bought an Icom IC-2250
WA1PBR-Ben – Has rigged a 3-element beam antenna for 6-meters. Hit 100 beacons on 6-meters. Worked 4 stations , including K1GUP-Jerry (Carmel, ME) and KB1WRZ-Dave (Brownville, ME).
WA1JMM-George – Having some trouble with a new system (antenna tuner?).

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

KB1WEA-Bill would like to do a 6-meter on Wednesdays and is also interested in online activities.

WA1JMM-George is working with Glen Larson who has a tower in Cambridge that needs to be moved.

WA1PBR-Ben has proposed a cookout at Stickney Hill on Sept 13th (Sunday) at 12 Noon. Activities may include a fox hunt.

Does the club wish to participate in the SET (Simulated Emergency Test) exercise?
Overwhelming NO.

There is a petition being done online by MARCS (or whatever they changed their name to now) for an Amateur Radio License Plate to help support Amateur Radio in Maine (Like the Animal adoption, Breast Cancer, or other specialty plates). They need 2,000 signatures to start the process. Is the club interested in supporting this type of plate? This came up as a no.

Reminisces of SK Tom Belvin – WA1LFW

Net Control Stations for the month are:

Aug 26th – WA1JMM-George | Sep 2nd – KB1WRZ-Dave | Sep 9th – KB1WRY-Debbie K | Sep 16 – Call-Name

Acknowledgements:

Being that Milo had a Town meeting, thanks to WA1PBR-Ben for arranging the alternate meeting site at the Kiwanis building for the evening

Next Meeting will be September 22nd, 2020 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 September 22nd, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: WA1PPBR-Ben, N1MRT-Ray, Rob, WA1JMM-George & Karen, K1DAE-Debbie E., W1KMC-Kevin

GUESTS: None

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 6:55 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 \$ 621.12 – Versant Electric for \$25.14 and an order of 10 club hats for \$ 126.60 from Logo-Motion – as of 10-06-2020 Kevin-W1KMC has the hats.

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

PRESENTATION: WA1PBR-Ben did a presentation on where 6 Meters came from.

Pre-WW2, UHF was on 2 ½ meters (112MHz and 5 Meters at 56MHZ.
Post-WW2 13 television channels taking up 6MHz each started at Ch-1 on 44-50MHz, CH-2 was 54MHz-60MHz which directly interferes with 6 Meters. This is where Low-Pass and High-Pass filters came into play to help alleviate the interference.

Public Safety used to be (and some still are) down in the 35-50MHz range. Do you remember Police cars with gigantic whip antennae (usually arced over) on the bumpers?

This range is still allotted to Public Safety band.

Edwin Armstrong, born in the late 1890's, graduated from Columbia University invented FM (car radios go from 88MHz to 108MHz [in US]) and the Aviation band is just above that from 108MHz to 148MHz for Air-to-air and Air-to-Ground.

The 2 Meter band (144-148MHz) replaced the 2.5 Meter band.

“Skip” is great for hams, not so good for emergency services on the lower bands, so a Hi band of 150-170MHZ was established for Public Safety band.

In the early times on the lower frequencies where television stations would be interfered with, there were “quiet times” from 6PM to 10PM (prime-time is what we call it now), so people could watch TV.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chip-KB1QU, Bill-KB1WEA and Eddie-(call?) had a video conference on Google-Meet regarding AllstarLink/Echolink.

As far as advancing with this project in setting up the AllstarLink/Echolink configuration at the current state of things, have been tabled for the time being until in—person configurations and meeting can be done. So it is left at status quo. --- Kevin-W1KMC has sent the RasPI3 and program to Bill-KB1WEA but although it is set to go it was NOT completely ready for the repeater, It is now the project of Bill, Chip, and Eddie.

The Barbeque was lots of fun. We had visitors from Waldo County. George had lots of fun with the “Fox hunt”. 9 people were there. Thank you to KB1WRY-Debbie K. and KB1WRZ-Dave R.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Party. It was decided to forgo the Christmas party this year due to the state of things.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

09/23 – KB1WEA-Bill | 09/30 – WA1JMM-George | 10/07 – WA1PBR-Ben | 10/14 – Call-Name | 10/21 – Call-Name

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be October 27th, 2020 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 October 27th, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM, Ben-WA1PBR, Debbie E-K1DAE, Rob, Kevin-W1KMC, and Felix-KC1DUS

GUESTS: None

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 6:45 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 \$ 600.75 as of 10-27-2020. Versant (electric bill) \$20.00, which Ben says has gone down the last few months. The Invoice for the club hats that was paid for last meeting was submitted as PAID to Ben and the 10 new hats are with George-WA1JMM

Neither repeater was discussed at this meeting.

Bill-KB1WEA, through the FB group requested a sub to run the Pre-net net on 10-28, George will take it.

Kevin-W1KMC presented a WORKING AllstarLink/Echolink setup using a RasPi3 and a BRIAN he had bought for his home node. When he turned it on it announced "IP Address K1PQ 192.168.43.96" which he ran this node off his cell phone. It read K1PQ as Kevin has a working node for K1PQ when we find a suitable radio/radio interface as the BRIAN and/or SHARI discussed previously may be way underpowered to keep at KB1WEA's QTH. The problem of needing to reboot if on Stickney Hill is moot as, as soon as power is restored the Pi will boot itself again. The case Kevin gave Bill to try would have been an issue as it had a power switch built in that would not repower the Pi after a failure. Case was removed, Kevin does have a plastic case but power may be intermittent as the case is not perfectly aligned. No case CAN work but better some case than no case.

Part of Kevin's demo was Linking the AllstarLink WIN (Western Intertie Network) System on ASL node 2560 and making a contact out of California. If you have your own ASL, the K1PQ node # is 506351 (not on now as it WILL take over the K1PQ-R Echolink Node (normally when at KB1WEA QTH the Echolink reads Sebec, ME. When ASL node takes over it will read Brownville, ME [0/50])).

If you want to see what ASL can do, try connecting to Echolink W1KMC-R Node # 612217 (ASL Node 506353) or, Echolink W1KMC-L Node # 540490 (ASL Node # 506350) which is W1KMC's hubnode in the cloud. See who is connected to all 50635X nodes at <https://hubnode.50635.link/allmon2/> .

Net Control Stations for the month are:

10/28 – WA1JMM-George | 11/04 – Call-Name | 11/11 – Call-Name | 11/18 – Call-Name
| 11/25 – Call-Name | 12/2 – Call-Name

Ben-WA1PBR suggested we postpone in-person meetings until further notice. After a brief discussion, it was seconded and approved by those present

Ben-WA1PBR and Bill-KB1WEA have been working 6-Meters lately.

As stated in the Treasurer's report the hats that were ordered last month were delivered to George-WA1JMM.

George-WA1JMM asked if we (the club) could set up a means to meet by video chat. Kevin-W1KMC has had that capability for years and said he could do that easily (He has Jitsi – see https://k1pq.com/video_portal/ and 3 rooms for Uberconference – See same for links and call-in numbers IF we are to use Uberconference over Jitsi, as Jitsi has call-in capabilities once W1KMC figures how to tie it into the K1PQ phone number system). Kevin and George will try this sometime and get the word out on FB group/Website as to what to use each week, if we want to see which works best for us. Zoom is not an option at this time, but maybe in the future.

Several shared their experience in Amateur Radio over the years.

Acknowledgements: To everyone who has been working to keep PARC afloat.

Once again, there will be NO in-person meetings until further notice. Look for the announcement of video conferences on the FB group or on <https://k1pq.com> front page as things progress from here.

Next Meeting will be None - until further notice. Keep an eye on k1pq.com for video meetings.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the November 24th, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: George-WA1JMM – Debbie E-K1DAE – Kevin-W1KMC – David F-KC1KTB – David H-KC1MPB – Neal-K1CWO – Rob.

GUESTS: None

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

The secretary's and the treasurer's report were not discussed at this video meeting. There was no treasurer to give the current balance.

The main topic was the "Elves on the Air" scheduled for December 12th. David F-KC1KTB proposed a "drive-Thru" idea, Kevin-W1KMC also made a comment of moving Elves on the air to the K1PQ repeater to make use of the Echolink (and once configured properly later) the AllstarLink avenues to expand our program. Elves on the air will begin at 18:00 (6PM EST) on the N1BUG 147.105 repeater.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

11/25 – Call-Name | 12/02 – Call-Name | 12/09 – KB1WEA-Bill | 12/16 – Call-Name

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be December 22nd, 2020 at 19:00 (7:00pm) on our Video portal found at https://k1pq.com/video_portal/vc-linkup.php. (If no one shows, try on the 23rd in the same place. George-WA1JMM mentioned moving monthly meeting to Wednesday to coincide with the on the air one.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the December 23rd, 2020 Meeting

In attendance were: On Video: Wa1JMM-George, Rob, W1KMC-Kevin, K1dae-Debbie E. --- On Air: George was on both as NC, KB1WRZ-Dave R, AC1FB-Ara, KB1VAV-Richard, KB1WEA-Bill, KC1MPB-Dave H., and WA1REQ-Mike

GUESTS: VU2MDB- New Delhi, South India. – On lookup, cal sign does not exist incorrect copy?

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, 063.05

Meetings will be held in conjunction with the On the Air meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month until further notice. The Video link never changes, but a host (leader) is needed and there are three at this point, W1KMC, K1DAE, and WA1JMM. Want to be a meeting host? Call club number on website and talk to W1KMC, he is the web maintenance coordinator and hosts the video chat for us. – Video room at https://k1pq.com/video_portal/vc-linkup.php -- this is embedded but the REAL site link is below it.

Next Meeting will be January 27th, 2021 at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.