

## Minutes PART Meeting October 16, 2018

Cameron Senior Center, Westford, MA

7:30 PM – 9:08 PM

### Officers Present:

Andy, KB1OIQ, Pres

George, K1IG VP

Chauncey, K1OPE, Secretary

Alan, W1AHM, Treasurer

Bob, W1IS, Director at Large

Participants: 34

KB1OIQ opened the meeting with the usual round of introductions.

W1AHM gave the Treasurer's Report

92 members

Balance in the cash account is \$12,114.

### Announcements:

1. The Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold a QSL card sort on Thursday night, Oct 18, 7:30 PM, at the Pepperell Community Center.
2. Andy, KB1OIQ, Steve, W1KBE, and Allison, KB1GMX, resurrected an old All American Five AM receiver found at a Savers Club.
3. Terry, KA8SCP, is looking for volunteers for two public service events:
  - a. The Baystate Marathon in Lowell on Sunday, October 21, 2018 and
  - b. The Westford Pumpkin Patrol on Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31.
  - c. Please contact Terry at [KA8SCP@WB1GOF.org](mailto:KA8SCP@WB1GOF.org) for details/signup.
4. Frank, KC1HSC, gave a brief demo of the \$50 MR-100 HF antenna analyzer and a \$10 RCL tester, both from ebay.
5. W1KBE will lead the Kit Building session. The kit will be an Arduino based project useful as a building block for other projects.

### Speaker for the evening:

"Tom Kinahan, N1CPE, talked on the Military Auxiliary Radio System, also known as MARS, through which amateurs provide support to the US Department of Defense. Every day, MARS members are operating mixed mode voice/data nets using encrypted communications in support of a DoD Mission to provide situational awareness to DoD planners, in the event of a "Very Bad Day" scenario."

Rich, AB1HD, has posted Tom's presentation to the WB1GOF website.

Hugh, N1QGE, discussed preparations for our upcoming holiday party. He mentioned the possible venues in the Westford/Chelmsford area. A few other suggestions were fielded but appear not to be ideal both in cost and location. Hugh asked for a volunteer emcee for the gift swap.

Hugh, thanked everyone for their donations to the Food Pantry. He reminded us to make sure the donations were within the stamped expiration dates.

Andy updated us on some items the new Board is working on such as the Club obtaining tax-exempt status. More information on these items will follow as they develop.

Another interesting evening. See everyone next month.

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Chauncey, K1OPE