

Pen Bay Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 9, 2014

The Saturday, August 9, 2014 meeting of Pen Bay Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (Pen Bay ARC, Inc.) was held at the Knox County EMA building in Rockland, Maine.

The meeting was called to order by Steve (KB1TCE) at 11:00 AM.

Members in attendance were Jim Blier (KC1AKT), Steve Hansen (KB1TCE), Norm Smith (NY1B), Kenneth L. Orne (K1BEA), Millie Grindle-Orne (KB1LIB), Erick Walton (KC1BUK), Eric Greiner (KB1ZUN), Nate Marvin (WA1SAZ), Steven Dearborn, Lawrence Dearborn (KA1AGG), Matthew Perry (KC1CCD), Mike Coulombe (KB1UTD), Tom Ames (KB1URB), Chuck Fleming (KB1TGB) and Bob Brooks (KC1AKV).

All members introduced themselves to the other members present at the meeting. One new meeting attendee was Steven, a boy who attended our 2014 ARRL Field Day in Thomaston, ME with his grandfather, and made 5 contacts at the F.D. G.O.T.A. Station. Steven is working towards getting his Technician license and is taking our Friday Ham Radio Class.

Norm (NY1B) made a motion to approve the July, 2014 Meeting Minutes with edits. Norm's motion was seconded by Chuck (KB1TGB) and the motion was passed.

Jim (KC1AKT) had no club correspondence to report received at the info@penbayarc.org email address. Norm (NY1B) reported on club correspondence he received thanking all Pen Bay ARC volunteers for their service in this year's recently held Lobster Ride event.

Ed (KC1CG) read his Treasurer's Report.

Norm (NY1B) moved to approve payment of Liability Expenses detailed in Ed's (KC1CG) Treasurer's Report. Norm's motion was seconded by Eric (KB1ZUN) and the motion was passed.

Ed (KC1CG) presented an invoice for reimbursement of his printing and renewals related expenses. Chuck (KB1TGB) made a motion to pay Ed (KC1CG) for expenses on this invoice. Chuck's motion was seconded by Ken (K1BEA) and the motion was passed.

Jim (KC1AKT) made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jim's motion was seconded by Tom (KB1URB) and the motion was passed.

Old Business:

Norm (NY1B) reported on the Lobster Ride. We had 10 operators at the event and Rick Smith, a non-club operator too. We had 3 SAG cars with Jim, Eric, and Anne, 3 water stops with Nate, Steve, and Bob, and Lobster Base with Ray, Brit, and Norm. Ray & Liz sent out thank you letters thanking all for their participation.

Old Business Continued:

On August 23, 2014, there will be an Islesboro Swim event from Pt. Lookout to Islesboro with boat stations and stations at each end. The Waldo County group is doing the planning. The race begins a 7 AM (Check-In's are at 5 AM). More information will be forthcoming.

Committee Reports:

Reporting for the Repeater Committee, Ed (KC1CG) reported he has created a new updated club repeater information sheet which is available to all members and will be distributed to new joining members in their introductory packages.

Reporting for the Exam Committee, Norm (NY1B) reported that we will be holding our next Amateur (Ham) Radio Licensing Exam Session on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at 9:00 AM in the Knox County EMA Office, 301 Park St., Rockland, ME. Four to six new Hams from the class are hoped for and expected.

Reporting for the Field Day Committee, Steve (KB1TCE) reported on the results so far on Mike's (KB1DBL) Field Day survey or participating Hams. In general, people liked the site and made some suggestions for future years including:

- Setting up Phone farther away from CW
- Spacing canopies farther apart
- Having all the antennas all in line
- Having volunteers pre-designated for greeting guests and explaining what's going on at each station
- Having a sign or signs with wording like "Free Event!!!" and "Public Invited!!!"
- Having more set-up and take-down helpers (a Tower Team) with more beforehand discussion of the duties, steps, etc. in erecting towers & antennas, and related planning (set-up/take-down roles), coordination, and supervision. One example of this would be that the trailer needs to be level before the big tower can be raised.
- Having signs at each station explaining what is happening there
- Having more pre-event publicity and news releases
- Having a 2M FM Simplex station
- Having additional stations
 - In 2014, we were classified as a "3A".
- More Coordination
- More Non-Interference
- More Informal Stations

Anyone who has not yet completed Mike's Field Day survey is asked to please do so and submit it to Mike, ASAP.

Nate (WA1SAZ) has a DVD of pictures he took at our ARRL 2014 Field Day event for the club scrap book and website.

Committee Reports Continued:

Norm (NY1B) will be giving an article to Mike (KB1DBL) at our next meeting about our recent Field Day event for the club scrap book.

Reporting for the Website Committee, Jim (KC1AKT) reported that nothing already posted to the website was lost in his computer's crash. Anyone wishing to post anything on the website such as equipment for swap, sale or trade, or any other announcements can be emailed to Jim for posting.

Reporting for the History Committee, Mike (KB1DBL) was absent.

Reporting for the Events Committee, Steve (KB1TCE) reported on the Youth Ham Class and Jim (KC1AKT) expressed interest in attending a similar Adult Ham Class.

Miscellaneous Brief Reports:

Chimes – Check in have been less than usual in the last two weeks.

RACES/CERT – While Mike is away, Steve has been at Net Control. Usually, there are about 4-5 participants. When there is more than 4 participants, a training module summary and associated exam is discussed. This net usually runs for 25 -40 minutes.

Digital 2M – Activity has been running at about 6 participants.

Digital HF – 3-4 usual participants. The frequency has been changed to 3.5835. Various modes are practiced.

New Business:

On August 16, 2014, as part of Lighthouse Weekend, we will be holding an event at Pemaquid Point. We will meet with Jose (KB1TCD) at 9 AM at the South End at the Lighthouse to begin station set-ups. Admission is \$2 and the event will be held rain or shine. Jose had some QSL cards printed for this event, for which he will be gladly accepting any donations to cover his out-of-pocket expenses for the printing.

Closing Business:

The next meeting of the Pen Bay Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (Pen Bay ARC, Inc.) will be announced (and scheduled so as NOT to conflict with the Windsor Hamfest) at the Knox County, Maine EMA building (the usual place) beginning at 11 AM (the usual time), after the adjournment of the Knox County, Maine RACES/CERT meeting. In September, we will be voting again on club Officer Elections/Re-elections.

Eric (KB1ZUN) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric's motion was seconded by Matthew (KC1CCD). The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned by Steve (KB1TCE) at 11:57 AM.

Matthew (KC1CCD) made a \$10 donation to the club to help cover the costs for QSL cards.

The monthly meeting's 50/50 raffle was held after the meeting's adjournment.

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Pen Bay Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
(Pen Bay ARC Inc.) Secretary, James Blier (KC1AKT).**