

Minutes PART meeting September 18, 2018

Cameron Senior Center, Westford, MA

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Officers Present:

Andy, KB1OIQ, Pres

Rich, AB1HD, VP

Rick, W1RAG, Secretary

Alan, W1AHM, Treasurer

Steve, W1KBE, Director at Large

Participants: 34

KB1OIQ opened the meeting with the usual round of introductions.

He then introduced Alan, K1ALL, who presented the nominations for the year 2018-2019 club officers:

Pres - Andy, KB1OIQ

VP - George, K1IG

Secretary - Chauncey, K1OPE

Treas – Alan, W1AHM

All were seconded and voted in unanimously.

KB1OIQ thanked the outgoing leadership and welcomed the new people.

Incoming Director at Large is Bob, W1IS, who will succeed W1KBE.

AB1HD, Webmaster, is seeking a successor.

W1KBE will lead the Kit Building session.

Greg, N1DAM, has taken the lead for arranging speakers for our meetings.

Hugh, N1QGE, is seeking assistance and suggestions for the 2018 Holiday Dinner.

This party is in lieu of the regular third Tuesday night meeting in December.

He also thanked everyone for their donations to the Food Pantry.

N1QGE still is holding a number of unclaimed PART badges for new members.

W1AHM gave the Treasurer's Report

92 members

Balance in the cash account is \$12,076.

W1AHM acknowledged the help received from all of the Boxboro convention volunteers.

Bill, K1NS, spoke on how he got an out-of-state vanity automobile license plate.

Good only for personal collections.

We had two speakers this evening:

John, WB2OSZ, gave a talk on his DireWolf open source software which is a 'software soundcard AX.25 packet modem/TNC and APRS encoder/decoder. It can be used stand-alone to observe APRS traffic, as a tracker, digipeater, APRS gateway, or Internet Gateway (IGate).'

WB2OSZ's slides will be available on the WB1GOF website shortly.

Wrapping up the meeting was Rick, W1RAG, who gave us a creative and humorous look at the 2018 PART Field Day event in Concord.

Another enjoyable and informative meeting.

See everyone next month.

73

Chauncey, K1OPE