

**HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2018**

**Attendees:**

President – WM1B (Dave)	Vice President – W1AST (Larry)
Secretary – N1FTP (Harold)	Treasurer – NV1Q (Juergen)
ZeroBeat Ed. -N1JIE (John)	Membership – K1VOI (John)
Tech. Dir. - K1YO (Bob)	

**Absent:**

At Large – AB1ZJ (Ron)	Program Dir – AB1ZA (Najm)
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**Guests:**

Webmaster – KC1IRL (Vanessa)	Trustee – Todd (N1GNX)
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----- Meeting open at 7:00pm by Vice President, Larry (W1AST) -----

**President Report:**

- Ham class organization update, there are 2 people have volunteer for the Tech classes. There will be more discussion in December for more sessions. Possible locations are Southern Hampden County, Bay Path University, or the Storrs Library in Longmeadow.
- Dave will step down from being President and become Vice President where Larry will become President.

**Vice President Report:**

- Larry had little time to work on the new QSL design. More to follow.

**Secretary Report:**

- Last months BOD minutes for approval: Motion ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup>: ✓ Carried YES
- Holiday tickets were late to arrive so little have been sold. Many tickets will be sold at our next meeting.
- At this time, 60+ raffle tickets have been sold.

**Treasurer Report:**

- Juergen has reset the password for our PayPal account. Juergen and Harold have the new passwords. October Statement:

**HCRA Financial Statement September/October 2018**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$6728.95</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$7489.73</b>

Income:

Dues	\$455.00
Donation	\$39.78
Table	\$10.00
Donuts	\$29.50
Wear	\$236.00
Raffle	\$80.00
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	\$810.78

Expense:

Donuts	\$50.00
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	\$50.00

**Program Director Report:**

- November, Ray (KB1LRL) Western Mass. Section Manager
- December, Holiday Party, Castle of Knights
- January 2019, EZ-nec and antenna modeling
- February, Grounding and Bonding by DX Engineering, Harold to Coordinate
- March, John Ellsworth from the Vintage communications museum
- April, Show and Tell
- May, TBD
- June Field Day and Elections

**Membership Report:**

- Our Web page has been updated to the latest members
- 23 members have not renewed yet.
- John has sent out post card to those for renewal.
- Non-active members will be removed from mass emails and ZeroBeat distribution.
- To better manage the membership database, John is looking into archiving the current database and then cleaning it up.

**Technical Director Report:**

- Bob showed a newly created circuit board for his antenna analyzer project.
- Bob noted that for the project to be successful, participants need to be somewhat technical.
- While the projects are being made, Bob will have cameras set up to create a Webinar.

**ZeroBeat Editor:**

- John created and sent out his first ZeroBeat. An outstanding job.
- Membership renewals will again be mentioned in future ZeroBeat.
- John has requested that Holiday pictures be submitted to him as he is unable to attend.
- The "Feature Member" will start up again with the help of Bob.
- John needs an article for the up and coming 10 meter contest.

**At Large Report:**

- Absent

**Webmaster Report:**

- Vanessa (KB1IRL) is fluent in Word Press and has made recent ZeroBeat additions, HCRA-Wear, and QSL Pooling postings on our Web page.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Dave, addressing new members. How can we make it more interesting to new hams versus the technical topics that we many times have at our meetings. How can we keep the non-technical or newly licensed membership from falling asleep. One possibility is to have a separate, after classes/licensed program for introductions to how antennas work, explaining the various HF modes, etc. These programs may be offered to MTARA as well.

**Next Club meeting:** November 2, 2018 at Holyoke Hospital at 7:30 pm

**Next Board of Directors meeting:**

November 28, 2018 at Hooter's in West Springfield. 6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting.

----- Meeting closed at 8:06 pm -----