

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2019

Attendees:

President – W1AST (Larry)	Vice President – WM1B (Dave)
Secretary – N1FTP (Harold)	Treasurer – NV1Q (Juergen)
Membership – K1VOI (John)	Program Dir – AB1ZA (Najm)
Tech. Dir. - K1YO (Bob)	Webmaster – KC1IRL (Vanessa)
ZeroBeat Ed. -N1JIE (John)	

Absent:

At Large – AB1ZJ (Ron)

----- Meeting open at 7:00pm by President, Larry (W1AST) -----

President Report:

- Larry will ship mugs to Ray and Gil with a note of thanks.
- Working towards a Fox Hunt share the knowledge class. This includes building an attenuator and tape measure antenna followed by a fox hunting demo. (See also Technical Director Report)

Vice President Report:

- Dave mentioned that there are nine people that are in the current Technician class. So far it's going quite well and is very successful. It's still not too late to participate.

Where: Holyoke Hospital Auxiliary Room

When: Tuesdays. - Jan 15 thru Feb 26

Time: 6:30 to 9PM

Cost: \$30 (covers cost of Manual)

Preregistration to: WM1B@ARRL.net

Secretary Report:

- Last months BOD minutes for approval: **Motion Y Accepted: 9 Opposed: 0 Carried: YES**
- Raffle tickets are slowly being sold. So far we have sold 86.
- The ARRL Liability insurance is due. Payment has been made, \$200 for a \$2M policy. Details are on file.
- Check has been sent to MTARA to secure a table at their Hamfest.

Treasurer Report: October & November Statement:

Beginning Balance: "\$8,814.06"

Ending Balance: "\$8,587.96"

Income:

Dues \$52.00

Raffle Sales \$110.00

Total \$162.00

Expense:

Holiday Party \$156.95

Wear \$126.00

Show & Tell \$95.15

Stamps \$10.00

Total \$388.10

Program Director Report:

- February, Grounding and Bonding by DX Engineering, Harold to Coordinate
- March, John Ellsworth from the Vintage communications museum
- April, Show and Tell
- May, SOTA and POTA. POTA by KC1AEO and SOTA is awaiting confirmation.
- June Field Day and Elections
- September, TBD
- October, TBD
- November The amazing transatlantic feat of 1901 by Marconi. K1ZM, Jeff via Skype as he is in PEI. N1FTP to make Skype arrangements.
- December, Holiday Party

Membership Report:

- 1 new member, KC1KEZ. 101 members in total. 4 life, 15 prospects, and 7 family. 75 paid members.

Technical Director Report:

- The analyzer project was derailed but all is back on track.
- Bob mentioned that a new Technical Coordinator at the ARRL office is working on helping clubs. More to follow.
- Bob is also involved in the Attenuator/Tape measure antenna share the knowledge program.

ZeroBeat Editor:

- Note to all, please submit articles for ZeroBeat by the 15th of the month. Najm will be submitting basic articles for ZeroBeat as well as Bob's submissions of the Fox Hunting projects.

At Large Report:

- Absent

Webmaster Report:

- To keep our website safe, Vanessa will force users who have access to Word Press to change their passwords. The consensus of the BOD is that the website looks great and is in good hands.
- A page will be added as to what is ham radio and what to do after you get your license.
- Another suggestion is to add information on to get an FRN#, what to bring to the exams, and links to question pool sites.

Old Business:

- All ham radio clubs in the area will be paying for their tables at the MTARA hamfest. A check has been sent to reserve our table.
- John and Vanessa are working on removing expired members from our website as well as email blast list.
- Larry is working on what to do with Club Log awards/certificates
- Juergen has purchased the prizes for the "Show and Tell" program.

New Business:

- Is the Trailer registered? Does it have a title? Larry will contact Dave.
- There is discussion on how to present award gifts for those participating in the "Show and Tell" program. The discussion is whether we should have ballots for the membership to vote or have a panel of judges. More to follow.
- We need a top tier organizer to replace Bob for Field Day, K1YO.
- Larry is working on the possibility of having a special event station. More to follow.
- Dave will share a presentation he saw on "What good does the ARRL do?".

Next Club meeting: February 1, 2019 at Holyoke Hospital at 7:30 pm

Next Board of Directors meeting:

February 20, 2019 at Hooter's in West Springfield. 6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting.

----- Meeting closed at 8:45 pm -----