

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 21, 2019

Attendees:

President – W1AST (Larry)
Treasurer – NV1Q (Juergen)
Secretary – N1FTP (Harold)
Tech. Dir. - AB1ZA (Najm)

Vice President – W1IRL (Vanessa)
Program Dir – Open
Membership – K1VOI (John)
At Large – N1GNX (Todd)

Absent:

ZeroBeat Ed. - N1JIE (John)

Guest:

----- Meeting open at 7:02pm by President, Larry (W1AST) -----

President Report:

- Larry will be taking over the Program Director position until we find a replacement.
- For our raffle, the Honda generator was voted most popular. Tickets will need to be printed.

Vice President Report:

- Vanessa has set up a tab on our website where members can post their awards and certificates they received.
- She is looking into some programs for beginners. Using a multimeter, soldering, intro to Satellite tracking and communications, software programs that are useful for hamradio operators...

Secretary Report:

- Last months BOD minutes for approval: **Motion Y Accepted: 7 Opposed: 0 Carried: YES**
- Due to an illness in the family, Harold will be leaving the Secretary position in December of this year.
- Federal and State Tax forms are being formulated as we have some new positions filled.
- The PO Box has revealed a few membership renewals as well as three QSL requests as a result of Field Day.

Treasurer Report: May – July 2019 Statement:

Beginning Balance: "\$9307.30"

Ending Balance: "\$7807.99"

Income:

Dues	\$84.26
Wear	\$12.00
Fox Hunt Kit	\$72.00
Table	\$20.00
Donuts	\$74.76
Total	\$263.02

Expense:

Booklets for new hams	\$79.43
Wear	\$83.00
Donuts	\$104.00
Fox Hunt Kit	\$461.95
Tape Antennas	\$201.34
Field Day	\$227.71
FD – SDRplay	\$119.95
Website	\$84.95
Town of Agawam	\$200.00
Holyoke Hospital	\$200.00
Total	\$1762.33

Program Director Report:

- September, Everything you wanted to know about Mag loop Antennas by Ted Robinson, K1QAR.
- October, Rich Collins, K2UPS will discuss, CW, the Long Island CW Club, and show his key collection.
- November The amazing transatlantic feat of 1901 by Marconi. K1ZM, Jeff via Skype as he is in PEI.
- December, Holiday Party
- January, Bob Hassett, Springfield emergency preparedness & EOC family.
- February, Bob K1YO, ARES and its recent come back in Western Massachusetts.
- March, Rob Macedo KC1DY, talks all about Skywarn and how important it is to weather tracking.
- April, Show & Tell
- May (tentative) Marty Sullaway, NN1C, Team Exuberance – teens and contesting.
- June, Elections, FD, and more...

Membership Report:

- 113 total including 12 new, 4 life, 11 prospects, and 1 family, 85 paid members.
- September is renewal month.
- The goal for membership is 5 new paid members by June 2020.

Technical Director Report:

- Najm has been receiving help from Bob; K1YO as he transitions to the Technical Director position.
- He mentioned that some members approached him on Satellite communications.

ZeroBeat Editor:

- Note to all, please submit articles for ZeroBeat by the 20th of the month.

At Large Report:

- Todd will pole the membership if there is any interest in Brown Baggers, a Field Trip, a Picnic...

Webmaster Report:

- As mentioned earlier, Vanessa has set up an Awards tab on our web site.

New Business:

- The Honda generator has won the raffle vote. Tickets are to be made.
- Holiday Party this year is December 1st with the same venue as last year. Brian, N1FI is contact person
- Field day trailer needs new tires installed. Larry and Harold will work on getting this done.
- Return of 10m net as Marcell as Net Control has a few check-ins.
- Should HCRA become the new sponsor of the MA 13 Colonies Special Event? Larry, W1AST is the State Manager. There is no cost involved.
- New QSL's have been printed and are being sent out as they are requested.
- New ideas for Share the Knowledge:
 - Another Arduino project?
 - DXLabs?
 - Baluns/Ununs Kits?
- Next ham class, for General class??? Looking for someone to chair the classes.
- Juergen will be removing old posts from Facebook. Especially for "heard" notifications. Ex: Heard PJODX in Sint Maarten on 14.275.
- Larry will be putting together some ideas for a bus to Cape Code to visit the Historic Marconi site, the Marconi Museum, possibly the French Cable Museum, and a dinner out. A fun trip to take with your spouse/friend and enjoy everyone's company. Hopefully in the Spring.

Old Business:

- Field Day went very well.
- 4 members activated K2H for the Massachusetts part of the 13 Colonies Special Event Stations.

Next Club meeting: September 6, 2019 at Holyoke Hospital at 7:30 pm

Next Board of Directors meeting: September 18, 2019 at Hooters in West Springfield. 6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting.

----- Meeting closed at 8:58 pm -----