

**HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019**

Attendees:

President – W1AST (Larry)	
Treasurer – NV1Q (Juergen)	Program Dir – Open
Secretary – N1FTP (Harold)	Membership – K1VOI (John)
Tech. Dir. - AB1ZA (Najm)	At Large – N1GNX (Todd)

Absent:

ZeroBeat Ed. - N1JIE (John), Vice President – W1IRL (Vanessa)

----- Meeting open at 6:52pm by President, Larry (W1AST) -----

President Report:

- Larry has temporarily taken over the Program Director position until we find a replacement. He has fulfilled this years activities. The list is below.
- Todd, N1GNX is resigning. Thank-you for your time and support of the club.

Vice President Report:

- Vanessa is working on a beginner demo sessions for 7:00-7:25pm just before our meetings. More to follow as could not attend the meeting.

Secretary Report:

- Last months BOD minutes for approval: **Motion Y Accepted: 6 Opposed: 0 Carried: YES**
- informed the Board that he has Holiday Party tickets.

Treasurer Report: May – July 2019 Statement:

Beginning Balance: "\$7807.99"

Ending Balance: "\$7651.99"

Expense:

Club QSL cards \$96.00

Trailer Registration \$60.00

Total Expenses: \$156.00

Program Director Report:

- 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:

- 55 total including 1 new, 4 life, 13 prospects, and 1 family, 36 regular paid members.
- September is renewal month.
- The goal for membership is 5 new paid members by June 2020.

Technical Director Report:

- Najm is working on an introduction to “Chirp”, a program that can program certain radios.
- As a project, he is also looking at building a solar powered FM radio.
- He is also looking into topics such as SDR radio, what is SWR, and slow scan (coding pictures).

ZeroBeat Editor:

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

At Large Report:

- Nothing to report

Webmaster Report:

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

New Business:

- We are looking into buying a few jack stands to get the trailer tires off the ground as well as wheel covers to protect the rubber from UV rays. There was a motion to approve the funding.
- In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Approved: Yes

Old Business:

- The Honda generator has been purchased and tickets printed and sold for the first time at the September meeting. They will be available at every meeting and the holiday party.
- Holiday Party this year is December 1st with the same venue as last year. Brian, N1FI is contact person
- Field day trailer now has new tires. Todd (N1GNX) has donated a pair of jack stands to get the trailer off the ground while idle.
- Return of 10m net. Frequency of 28.375 starting at 7:30pm local time.
- 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 PJ0DX 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.

Next Club meeting: October 4, 2019 at Holyoke Hospital at 7:30 pm

Next Board of Directors meeting: October 23, 2019 at Hooters in West Springfield. 6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting.

----- Meeting closed at 8:46 pm -----