

**HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2019**

**Attendees:**

President – W1AST (Larry)	Membership – K1VOI (John)
Treasurer – NV1Q (Juergen)	Program Dir – Open
Secretary – N1FTP (Harold)	At Large – Open

**Absent:**

ZeroBeat Ed. - N1JIE (John), Vice President – W1IRL (Vanessa), Tech. Dir. - AB1ZA (Najm)

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

**President Report:**

- Larry will post a survey to determine who uses what non-contest logging programs to determine if a class would be appropriate.

**Vice President Report:**

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

**Secretary Report:**

- Last months BOD minutes for approval: **Motion Y Accepted: 6 Opposed: 0 Carried: YES**  
- I will be working with Paul NF1G who will temporarily take over the Secretary position.  
- Raffle and Holiday tickets are moving slow but as the dates get closer, more will be making the purchase.

**Treasurer Report: September 2019 Statement:**

**Beginning Balance:** "\$7651.99"

**Ending Balance:** "\$6853.33"

**Income:**

Dues \$542.34

Raffle \$130.00

Donuts \$44.16

**Total income: \$716.50**

**Expense:**

Honda Generator (Raffle) \$945.00

Donuts \$52.00

Raffle Tickets \$30.63

Trailer Tires \$487.53

**Total Expenses: \$1,515.16**

**Program Director Report:**

- 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:**

- 77 total including 4 life, 16 prospects, and 5 family, 52 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**At Large Report:**

- Nothing to report

**Webmaster Report:**

- The web site looks and is works great. More awards from other members would be great.

**New Business:**

- Holiday tickets will be on sale at our November meeting.  
- Send thank-you card to Todd for donating the jack stands for the HCRA trailer.  
- Larry has ordered 4 tire covers to block UV in order to save the trailer tires while it sits idle all year.

**Old Business:**

- 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: November 1, 2019 at Holyoke Hospital at 7:30 pm**

**Next Board of Directors meeting: November 20, 2019 at Hooters in West Springfield. 6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting.**

----- Meeting closed at 8:55 pm -----