

**HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019**

Attendees:

President – W1AST (Larry)	Membership – K1VOI (John)
Vice President – W1IRL (Vanessa)	Program Dir – Open
Secretary – N1FTP (Harold), NF1G (Paul)	At Large – (WA1OJN) Bob

Absent:

ZeroBeat Ed. - N1JIE (John), Tech. Dir. - AB1ZA (Najm), Treasurer – NV1Q (Juergen)

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

President Report:

- Larry is revising the new ham booklet to make it less expensive to print
- In the January/February time frame, Larry will begin planning a bus trip.
- W1NY Trustee is John (N1JIE) and Trustee for WB1Z is Vanessa (W1IRL)
Motion Y Accepted: 6 Opposed: 0 Carried: YES
- Acting as Program Director, Larry has filled all the meetings until June of 2020.

Vice President Report:

- Vanessa is working on a beginner demo sessions for 7:00-7:25pm just before our meetings. More information to follow.

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 thru June 2020. Holiday ticket sales have ended and it looks like another great Holiday Party is in store.
- It has been an experience and pleasure to be on the HCRA Board of Directors. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Treasurer Report: September 2019 Statement:

Beginning Balance: "\$6853.33"

Ending Balance: "\$6863.47"

Income:

Dues \$60.00
Donuts \$31.38

Total income: \$91.38

Expense:

QSL Service \$19.50
QSL Service-Postage \$9.74

Total Expenses: \$81.24

Program Director Report:

- 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, Marty Sullaway, NN1C, Team Exuberance – teens and contesting.
- June, Elections, FD, and more...

Membership Report:

- 81 total including 19 prospects, and 62 regular paid members.
- September is renewal month. John will send out postcard reminders for 33 not paid members.

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:

- The web site looks and is works great. More awards from other members would be great.
- Change N1JIE for Trustee of W1NY and W1IRL for Trustee of WB1Z.

New Business:

- Set a date or month for the first “Share the Knowledge”.
- Install Jack Stands under trailer before snowfall.
- Are there any alternative locations in the West Springfield area which is central to all the board members to have the BOD meetings? Suggestions?

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 has ordered 4 tire covers to block UV in order to save the trailer tires while it sits idle all year.

Next Club meeting: January 3, 2020 at Holyoke Hospital at 7:30 pm

Next Board of Directors meeting: January 22, 2020 at Hooters in West Springfield. 6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting.

----- Meeting closed at 8:40 pm -----