

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

Meeting Began 7:00 PM

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry ZeroBeat Ed. – N1JIE John

Vice President – W1IRL Vanessa Program Dir. – OPEN

Secretary – NF1G Paul Treasurer – NV1Q Juergen

Membership – K1VOI John

Unable to Attend:

Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

President's Report:

- Revisions continue to the new Ham booklet
- Club can get a 35% discount off any ICOM item we choose to raffle
- Planning continues to a Spring bus trip to Marconi Museum, Marconi site, French Cable Museum and dinner. Membership interest will be solicited.
- Inquiring about use of a separate room for mini Share the Knowledge sessions, awaiting word from the Hospital.

Vice President's Report:

- Tech Class planning and organization is proceeding. New fliers printed and distributed for posting at any available places. Several people signed up already. Signup are available online through club's website.
- Mini Share the Knowledge sessions are as follows:
 - March – Setting up an HF station
 - April – presently open
 - May – Using antenna tuners

Secretary's Report:

- Club liability insurance has been renewed effective March 1st
- Paul to investigate obtaining ARRL insurance on club's equipment
- Paul to investigate obtaining a Tax-Exempt certificate for future purchases

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$7,185.15
Ending Balance: \$6,940.46

Income:

Dues	\$60.00
Table (Swap & Sell)	2.00
Raffle	170.00
Donuts	<u>36.45</u>
	\$268.45

Expenses:

HT's (for Tech Class)	\$180.51
Donuts	52.00
Hamfest Table	20.00
Reminder postcards	11.55
QSL Service	19.50
Holiday Party	<u>229.58</u>
	\$513.14

Program Director's Report: (W1AST)

- 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, Field Day and more?

Membership Report:

- 120 Members
- 19 Prospects
- 89 paid (8 new)
- 8 family
- 4 life
- 44 members used Paypal for renewal
- Approximately 50% are ARRL members

At Large:

No report

Technical:

No report

ZeroBeat:

- New feature to be added – Technical Quiz. See next month's issue!
- Adding educational feature each month.
- Always looking for new articles, new ideas

Webmaster Report:

- Looking for suggestions
- Question raised regarding gathering visitor (traffic) statistics for usage analysis
- Challenge to keep information fresh and interesting
- Discussion continues regarding adopting a "Member's Only" section for non-public information

New Business:

- Discussed coverage for HCRA table at MTARA Hamfest – sale of raffle tickets. Paul & Juergen will be there at 7:45 AM for initial coverage. Looking for others to share coverage through completion and raffle drawing.
- Sign up sheets will be prepared for Share the Knowledge sessions and will be available at next club meeting and Hamfest.
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- March 21 & 22 – Tech Class
- April 25th - Build CW Reader session
- May 16th - Arduino Build class
- Discussion of Field Day Organization – Larry to organize – signup sheet will be passed around at next meetings – Park reservation is confirmed.
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Old Business:

- Holiday Party discussion deferred until summer.

Next Club Meeting: March 6, 2020 at Holyoke Hospital 7:30 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

Next Board Meeting: March 18, 2020 at Hooter's West Springfield - Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM