

## HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2020

### Meeting Began 7:05 PM (via Skype)

#### Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry                      ZeroBeat Ed. – N1JIE John  
Vice President – W1IRL Vanessa            Program Dir. – OPEN  
Secretary – NF1G Paul                        Treasurer – NV1Q Juergen  
Membership – K1VOI John                    Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

#### Unable to Attend:

None

#### President's Report:

- Revisions completed to the new Ham booklet, circulated to Board for review and comment, substantial savings in cost to produce.
- Club can get a 35% discount off any ICOM item we choose to raffle, depending upon pricing new IC-705 likely choice.
- Spring bus trip to Marconi Museum, Marconi site, French Cable Museum and dinner cancelled due to lack of widespread interest and inability to obtain small enough bus.
- Inquiring about use of a separate room for mini Share the Knowledge sessions. Hospital has upstairs room but no handicapped access and no elevator. Consideration being given to starting these sessions at bit earlier, perhaps 6:45 PM and using same space.

#### Vice President's Report:

- Tech Class is postponed until facility is again available.
- Plan to produce more videos for HCRA YouTube site. Will generate a post on HCRA website when published.

#### Secretary's Report:

- Paul obtained information on obtaining ARRL insurance on club's equipment, subject to completing inventory of club's equipment presently scheduled for April 11th (rain date April 18th)
- Paul to investigate obtaining a Tax-Exempt certificate for future purchases

#### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance:            \$6,940.46  
Ending Balance:                \$6,867.10

#### Income:

Dues                                \$30.00  
Raffle                                130.00  
Donuts                                27.39  
    \$187.39

#### Expenses:

Insurance                         \$200.00  
Donuts                                52.00  
QSL Postage                        8.75  
    \$260.75

#### Raffle Results:

Generator cost                    \$945.00  
Tickets (printing)                 30.63  
    \$975.63  
Tickets sold                        \$1,270.00  
Net proceeds                        \$294.37

#### Program Director's Report: (W1AST)

- April – Show & Tell (**postponed until September**)
- May – Marty Sullaway, NN1C, Team Exuberance – teens and contesting
- June – Elections, Field Day and more?

#### Membership Report:

- 126 Members
- 23 Prospects
- 91 paid (2 new)
- 8 family
- 4 life
- During next renewal period will be looking for more accurate count of ARRL membership

#### At Large:

- Discussing possible interest in moonbounce with members

#### Technical:

- Mini Share the Knowledge sessions are as follows:
  - April – **Postponed**
  - May – Using antenna tuners
  - Possible future sessions include, use of spectrum analyzer, demo of a nanoVNA vector analyzer

#### 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
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#### New Business:

- Vanessa not running for reelection due to many work conflicts and is looking for assistance with Webmaster duties.
- Discussion of how to get more members interested in serving on Board
- - Vacancies will be Vice President and Program Director
- April 25<sup>th</sup> - Build CW Reader session (**subject to space availability**)
- May 16<sup>th</sup> - Arduino Build class (**subject to space availability**) Signups continue to April 3rd
- Discussion of Field Day Organization – Larry to organize – signup sheet will circulated at next meetings – Park reservation is confirmed.
- Signup started for trailer inventory. See dates above.
- Looking for alternatives to Hooters for Board meetings. Please contact Larry ([W1AST@arrl.net](mailto:W1AST@arrl.net)) with any suitable suggestions.
- Discussion took place about reducing the amount of coffee and donuts purchased for club meetings as much goes to waste so reduction to one box of each for the future is contemplated.

#### Old Business:

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**Next Club Meeting: April 3, 2020 at Holyoke Hospital 7:30 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM**

**(CANCELLED)**

**Next Board Meeting: April 8, 2020 at Hooter's West Springfield - Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 PM (If Hooter's is available – otherwise via Skype)**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM**