

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2020

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

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

Unable to Attend:

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

President's Report:

- Board voted (via email) to purchase an IC-7300 as raffle prize this year. Cost should be about \$900 with discounts
- Raffle tickets will be printed for sale
- HCRA has subscribe to Zoom at \$15/month. Able to schedule meetings with up to 100 participants
- WMA FoxHunters group has been formed with 25 people signed up sofar. (<https://groups.io/g/WMAFoxHunters>)
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Vice President's Report:

- Tech Class -Postponed – will be rescheduled when a room becomes available when life gets back to normal
- Vanessa not returning as Vice President – position will be available

Secretary's Report:

- Club liability insurance has been renewed effective March 1st
- Paul will obtain ARRL insurance on club's equipment once inventory is completed (See New Business item below)
- Paul to investigate obtaining a Tax-Exempt certificate for future purchases

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$6,867.10
Petty Cash	300.00
March Bank Statement	<u>8,082.79</u>
Ending Balance:	\$8,382.79

Income:

Tech Class	\$474.16
CW Decoder Class	325.00
Arduino Class	25.00
Dues	179.82
Raffle	840.00
HCRA Wear	91.00
Donuts	<u>33.00</u>
	\$ 1,967.98

Expenses:

Tech Class Books	\$254.85	
Paper	29.44	(HCRA Starter Booklet)
Byonics, LLC	63.00	(BfoxCon fox Controller)
2019 NEQP Plaque	50.00	
Donuts	<u>55.00</u>	
	\$452.29	

Program Director's Report: (W1AST)

- May – Marty Sullaway, NN1C, Team Exuberance – teens and contesting
(will be via Zoom – information to be distributed via Facebook)
- June – Elections, Field Day and more?

Membership Report:

- 130 Members
- includes:
- 94 regular members
- 9 family
- 4 Life members
- 23 prospects

At Large:

No report

Technical:

- Najm has been assisting members with a variety of technical issues in the past month.

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
- Presented statistics on blog usage – approximately 60 "hits" on various topics during the last month.
- Challenge to keep information fresh and interesting
- Fox Hunt information will be added once FoxBox is ready to be deployed

New Business:

- Since we now have access to Zoom we will use for future Board meetings until we return to normal – discussion as to whether to upload video of club meetings to website. Will capture and decide once we see how it goes and whether we can support file size
- Board discussed holding future meetings of Board exclusively via Zoom versus physical meetings to save on travel and constraints on meeting locations. Board will use Zoom for the foreseeable future.
- Discussion of solicitation of future Board candidates and support for Webmaster going forward
- CW Build postponed and possibly Arduino postponement due to lack of space availability
- Trailer inventory rescheduled to Sunday, June 14th (rain date Sat, June 20)
- Field Day – June 26-28 (subject to return to normalcy)
- FoxBox under construction at a cost of about \$200. Significant interest shown so far. Could add a second FoxBox if interest is sufficient
- NetLogger being tested on the two nets. Good results so far.
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Old Business:

- 10m Net – going strong on Monday nights
- 2m Net – well received on Thursday nights

Next Club Meeting: May 1, 2020 at Holyoke Hospital 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting: May 20, 2020 (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:32 PM