

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2020

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry

Vice President – AA1WH Marcel

Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane

Secretary – NF1G Paul

ZeroBeat – N1JIE John

Membership – K1VOI John

Unable to Attend:

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

President's Report: W1AST

- Quiet month but see discussion below regarding possible balloon project.

Vice President's Report: AA1WH

- Lengthy discussion regarding a possible balloon project involving high altitude, long distance, solar powered balloon project with tracking via WSPR and APRS (where allowed). Possible it could be a joint project between HCRA and a local high school which could interest not only club members but students. More study is needed to ascertain when and at what cost as well as logistics and components but could be an exciting and interesting project. More information forthcoming.

Secretary's Report: NF1G

- Paul has filed for a state Sales Tax Exemption certificate for future purchases. Still awaiting Department of Revenue's response.

Treasurer's Report: KC1FQV

Report deferred until October – bank has failed to process signature changes due to misplaced paperwork and employee absences. Larry and Duane to resolve with bank.

Program Director's Report: AA1UE

- Oct: Intro to Contesting (W1PY)
- Nov: SDR & Flex Radio (NT1K)
- Dec: Under discussion as virtual Holiday Gathering? Guest speaker?
- Jan: Award Chasing (N1FTP)
- Feb: Fox Hunting Techniques & Gear
- Mar: ClubLog: What is it and What Can You Do With IT?
- April: OPEN
- May: OPEN
- June: Elections and Field Day

Membership Report: K1VOI

Total Members: 61

Regular Members: 47

Prospects: 6

Life: 4

Family: 4

- Above is based upon renewals received through 9/24/20. Use of PayPal and online renewals/applications working well so far.
- Updating Web page Membership list once per week based on renewals
- ARRL contest members updated twice per year and next prior to 10 Meter Contest

At Large: WA1OJN

No report

Technical: AB1ZA

- CW Reader kit status to be coordinated among Najm, Bob and Juergen
- Najm to develop qualifying criteria for future Show & Tell
- This years Show and Tell winners were:
 - 1st Place Juergen NV1Q
 - 2nd Place Charlie KC1KA
 - 3rd Place Aaron KF1G

ZeroBeat: N1JIE

- ZeroBeat to remind/encourage renewals

WebSite:

- Need to find someone with Wordpress knowledge to assist Vanessa
- YouTube Channel being publicized in next ZB
<https://www.youtube.com/user/HampdenCountyRA>. More info in next ZB.

New Business:

- Ken, KD1KU has asked how he might help with publicizing club activities and meetings through use of Twitter, Instagram and other social media outlets.
- Many people asking about a possible Spring General class. Would need someone to organize.
- Discussing possible Fall Tech class with N1TA
- Given lack of in person meetings we need to continually mention club activities in meetings and on the Nets

Old Business:

- 10 meter Net – going strong on Monday nights - need alternate/ guest net controls
- 2 meter Net –Will restart in October; need alternate net controls
- FoxBox 2 in assembly stage; to be tested w/other HT's to find best one

Next Club Meeting: Friday, October 2, 2020 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 PM