

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry

Vice President – AA1WH Marcel

Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

Membership – K1VOI John

Secretary – NF1G Paul

ZeroBeat – N1JIE John

Unable to Attend:

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane

President's Report: W1AST

- Larry continues to receive emails and leads from people interested in becoming hams. Has sent copies to N1TA for use in establishing a future Ham class.

Vice President's Report: AA1WH

- Continued discussion regarding a possible balloon project involving high altitude, long distance, solar powered balloon project with tracking via WSPR and APRS (where allowed). Marcel is focusing on an initial small scale project to test the potential for a future, larger project which could be a joint project between HCRA and a local high school. 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 will be forthcoming regarding potential launch dates and location.

Secretary's Report: NF1G

- Paul received a positive response from the State and we are now exempt from sales tax on club-related purchases. Copies of the Sales Tax Exemption Certificate are with Paul, Larry and Duane.
- All annual state and federal reports have been filed and are up to date with names of current officers.
- Paul is undertaking two related projects. One is to update the Board member job descriptions and the second is to draft a Transition Procedures Checklist for use when Board members change. Marcel has agreed to assist in this project.

Treasurer's Report: KC1FQV (submitted via W1AST)

Balance per bank, September 1, 2020 \$6,827.19

Income (see note below)

Expenses

ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau 16.95

Postage reimbursement (two shipments) 26.25

Balance per bank, September 30, 2020 \$6,783.99

Above reflects activity in the club's bank account only. Due to issues with the bank approximately \$760 in dues renewals remain in the Paypal account and will be transferred to the bank account in October. **(Since completed)**

Program Director's Report: AA1UE (submitted via W1AST)

- Nov: SDR & Flex Radio (NT1K)
- Dec: Virtual Holiday Gathering - Guest speaker Fred Hopengarten K1VR
ARRL NE Division Director
- 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: 82

Regular Members: 63

Prospects: 7

Life: 4

Family: 8

- Above is based upon renewals received through 10/20/20. Use of PayPal and online renewals/applications working well so far and accounts for all but 4 renewals so far. Members not renewing so far will be contacted to encourage renewal.
- 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
- Discussion about technical matters to be consider for April or May open dates

ZeroBeat: N1JIE

- ZeroBeat to remind/encourage renewals
- ZB receiving compliments from many sources including Asst.NE Director for ARRL

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:

- WA1CQF donated tower and antenna to club. Taken down Saturday.
- Many people asking about a possible Tech and General class. Larry to speak with N1TA regarding Tech class, Would need someone to organize General class for possibly Spring.
- 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. In the future Nets will have a published “theme” for discussion.
- 2 meter Net –Postponed restart; need alternate net controls
- FoxBox 2 in assembly stage; to be tested w/other HT's to find best one

Next Club Meeting: Friday, November 6, 2020 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM