

## HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 18, 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**  
**At Large – WA1OJN Bob**                      **Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary**  
**Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane**

### Unable to Attend:

#### **President’s Report: W1AST**

- Larry continues to receive emails and leads from people interested in becoming hams. See notes below regarding future classes.
- Looking for projects or job ideas to engage non-BOD members
- 10 Meter contest coming up December 12 & 13 to be promoted in ZB, email, webpage and FB

#### **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 preparing a ZeroBeat article to inform the membership. More information will be forthcoming regarding potential launch dates ( possibly February 2021) and location.

#### **Secretary’s Report: NF1G**

- 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, October 1, 2020	\$6,783.99
Income	
Dues, net of Paypal fees	991.07
Expenses	
Mass Annual Report Filing Fee	<u>18.50</u>
Balance per bank, September 30, 2020	<u>\$7,756.56</u>

#### **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: Show & Tell
- May: OPEN
- June: Elections and Field Day
- General discussion regarding possible use of Zoom to set up “rooms” for casual discussions among attendees prior to future Membership meeting to promote more member interaction in the absence of “live, in person” meetings. Gary and Larry to discuss how to do this.

#### **Membership Report: K1VOI**

Total Members: 101  
Regular Members: 82  
Prospects: 6  
Life: 4  
Family: 9

- Use of PayPal and online renewals/applications working well so far. Approximately 70% of renewals have been through use of PayPal. The few remaining non-renewal members 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**

- Bob is making up CW Reader kits from parts supplied by Juergen and arrangements will be made to get them to people who have paid. If there are extra kits membership will be notified. Possibility of a Zoom class to assist in completion of kits.
- Possible kit build of “geochron-type” clock was discussed.

#### **Technical: AB1ZA**

- Najm to develop qualifying criteria for future Show & Tell and will publish in January/February ZeroBeat
- Looking to possibly reestablish “Mini” Share the Knowledge sessions prior to monthly meetings through use of Zoom “rooms” set up for that purpose. More information to follow as to times, format and subjects such as use of Arduino.

#### **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 usage showing good demand.  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/HampdenCountyRA>. More info in next ZB.

#### **New Business:**

- N1TA doing a Wednesday night Tech class from 7 to 9 PM plus 30 minutes before and after the class for discussion. Is being publicized by FB, website, email and word of mouth.
- Possibility of a new net control for Thursday net. More information when confirmed. Possible mid-January start.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fox Box nearly completed and should be running soon. Original Fox Box to be tested so that it can be put back in operation.
- 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. Net now has a published weekly “theme” for discussion.
- FoxBox 2 in assembly stage; to be tested w/other HT’s to find best one

**Next Club Meeting: Friday, December 4, 2020 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)**

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM**