

## HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

Meeting Began 7:05 PM (via Zoom)

### Attendees:

**President – W1AST Larry**      **Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane**  
**Membership – K1VOI John**      **Vice President – AA1WH Marcel**  
**Secretary – NF1G Paul**      **Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary**  
**ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken**      **Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm**

### Unable to Attend:

**At Large – WA1OJN Bob**

### **President’s Report: W1AST**

- Discussion continued regarding proposal to create a “Worked all HCRA Award” for working different numbers of members. Criteria to be developed and discussed further. Considering non-Board member to coordinate and run program.
- Discussion regarding possible two or more day Special Event station in 2022 at Springfield Library and Museums Association. Initial contact with Museums was enthusiastic. Further discussion planning to take place over the next year.
- Board discussed, at length, whether to allow member created, executable, computer programs to be posted to the club’s website and made available to members as a download. Given the risks involved due to lack of testing for operability and potential viruses it was voted, unanimously, to NOT allow such programs to be posted. A formal policy has been drafted and, upon review, will be voted upon and posted. Members may, however, utilize other mediums, such as the club’s Facebook page to make members aware of the available of such software through direct contact with the offering member.

### **Vice President’s Report: AA1WH**

- Balloon project has an initial launch and the balloon made it to almost 30,000 feet before encountering a storm and descending to the ocean about 200 kilometers east of Rehoboth, Delaware. Plans are moving forward to a second launch with a more durable balloon which will allow for a higher altitude to avoid most storms. The club will be asked to vote on providing financial support to this effort/project at its forthcoming meeting.
- Ivey Industries is donating gas for the Balloon Projects
- Based upon the experience with this project a discussion ensued as to how best to provide support to members who, at their initiative, embark on a project which will benefit them and the club as a whole through positive experience and publicity. A policy is being formulated as to how a member may develop and apply for such financial support going forward.

### **Secretary’s Report: NF1G**

- Reminded the board that the Post Office box is scheduled for renewal in April. Duane will coordinate.
- Interest rates for short term CD’s were looked into and found to be extremely low for the amounts we were considering ( less than ½ of 1%). Idea was tabled for the time being but will continue to monitor rates.

### **Treasurer’s Report: KC1FQV**

Balance per bank, February 1, 2021	\$8,080.21
Income	
Dues, net of Paypal fees	143.65
CW Reader kit	25.00
Expenses	
Parts for CW Reader	(13.08)
Liability Insurance renewal	<u>(200.00)</u>
Balance per bank, December 31, 2020	<u>\$8,035.78</u>

Duane also provided the Board with a summary of income and expense for the last two years for comparison.

### **Program Director’s Report: AA1UE**

- April: Show & Tell
- May: Talking to the ISS
- June: Elections and Field Day
- Planning is underway for next year’s programs. Several possible speakers have been contacted and we are awaiting word on availability. Any ideas will be appreciated.

### **Membership Report: K1VOI**

Total Members: 136  
Regular Members: 115  
Prospects: 6  
Life: 4  
Family: 11

Ease of application/renewal (website/Paypal) has clearly had a positive impact as membership is at its highest level in many years.

### **At Large: WA1OJN**

Unable to attend

### **Technical: AB1ZA**

- Share the Knowledge session on Video on Arduino uses/project will be scheduled.
- Judging of Show & Tell submissions will take place this year by Judges utilizing the Zoom “chat room” feature which will allow them to evaluate submissions on a real time basis and rejoin the meeting to report results.
- Similar to the CW Reader, which has been well received, consideration being given to creating another kit based project.

### **ZeroBeat: KD1KU**

- Ken, KD1KU, has assumed responsibilities for ZeroBeat and has continued the excellent standard set by his predecessor John, N1JIE.

### **New Business:**

- Entire Board has agreed to stand for reelection.
- Ham class had 62 students initially enrolled with 42 actual attendees. Mike, N1TA did a marvelous job and the Board expressed their gratitude for a job well done.
- Consideration underway for establishing a General license class as it appears demand is high. Would need additional instructors to assist and a longer class period.

### **Old Business:**

- W1IRL working on development of a Memorial page for our website.
- WA1OJN working on final steps to activate FoxBox 2

- Still working to finalize use of separate Zoom breakout rooms to enable pre-meeting conversations for members.

**Next Club Meeting: Friday, April 9, 2021 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)**

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 PM**