

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 14, 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

ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

Unable to Attend:

At Large – WA1OJN Bob Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Larry attended NEACC (Section Managers and Affiliated Club Coordinators) meeting to discuss Big E project for 2022. Meeting was worthwhile and Club Presidents will be invited to future meetings of this group.
- Meriden(CT) club is doing, in person, COVID- safe exams
- KB1LRL has a space where a VE team could a VE session with safe social distancing. Coordinators have been informed.
- Discussed and approved a project to design a QSL-card using the club's present design for the purpose of sending to newly-licensed Hams to invite them to join the club. To be sent to new Hams within the club's service area. Billerica club has been doing this with a 80% success rate.

Vice President's Report: Marcel, AA1WH

- Balloon project continues with a future attempt in the planning stages using a stronger, more durable ballon capable of reaching greater altitude to get above most storms.
- 10M net continues. Seeing some decrease in checkins but still enough interest to continue.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Suggested a regular schedule be adopted for forwarding member's QSL cards to the Outgoing bureau. Paul will supply the schedule to Ken for publishing in ZeroBeat

Treasurer's Report: Duane, KC1FQV

Balance per bank, March 1, 2021	\$8,035.78
Income	
Dues, net of Paypal fees	28.52
Expenses	
Gift Certificate	<u>(50.00)</u>

Balance per bank, March 31, 2021 \$8,014.30

Duane reported that the Post Office box has been renewed for another year.

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE (reported by W1AST)

- 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: John, K1VOI

Total Members: 138
Regular Members: 117
Prospects: 6
Life: 4
Family: 11

At Large: Bob, WA1OJN

Unable to attend

Technical: Najm, AB1ZA

- Share the Knowledge session on Video on Arduino uses/project will be rescheduled.

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

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

New Business:

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- Mike, N1TA did a marvelous job and the Board expressed their gratitude for a job well done. Board approved a \$50 gift certificate to Mike as a expression of gratitude for his great work.
- Consideration underway for establishing a General license class as it appears demand is high. Perhaps early Fall. Would need additional instructors to assist and a longer class period.
- Special Event Station at Springfield Museums is confirmed. Timing, post - COVID, will be confirmed to Larry by Museum management.
- "Worked All HCRA" certificate being worked on by Larry and rules will be created and finalized. KC1DKY working on design.

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.
- New Ham net may cease at the end of April unless there are more checkins.
- Enabled Breakout rooms in Zoom, working on best ways of using them.

Next Club Meeting: Friday, May 6, 2021 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58 PM