

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 12, 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 At Large – WA1OJN Bob
ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

Unable to Attend:

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Larry attended NEACC (Section Managers and Affiliated Club Coordinators) meeting on 4/24 to discuss Big E project for 2022. Other topics discussed were NEQP, 13 Colonies MA and Multi State Foxhunts.
- FoxBox 2 is ready and was deployed on 5/10.
- Field Day – see new business below

Vice President's Report: Marcel, AA1WH

- 10M net will continue for the Summer limited to one Monday per month. See ZB for schedule.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- No new items to report.

Treasurer's Report: Duane, KC1FQV

Balance per bank, April 1, 2021	\$8,014.30
Income	
Dues	85.56
Expenses	
P.O. Box renewal (one year)	188.00
Check reorder	131.38
Welcome to HCRA QSL Cards	81.00
Gift cards – Show and Tell awards	105.00
ARRL Outgoing QSL bureau plus postage	<u>36.05</u>
Total expenses	<u>541.43</u>
Balance per bank, April 30, 2021	<u>\$7,558.43</u>

Duane is investigating the establishment of an Amazon Smile account for those members who wish to have part of their Amazon purchases credited to HCRA.

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

- 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: 141
Regular Members: 121
Prospects: 5
Life: 4
Family: 11

16 of the new "Welcome" QSL cards have been sent to newly licensed Hams.

At Large: Bob, WA1OJN

- Bob and Najm are interested in assisting/collaborating with KB1MDS's projects at Pathfinder this Fall.
- Foxbox 2 reprogrammed and operational after correct programming cable installed

Technical: Najm, AB1ZA

- Share the Knowledge session on Video on Arduino uses/project will be rescheduled.
- Arduino project to be presented either at Field Day or to be scheduled at one of the regular Fall meetings

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- Ken, KD1KU, has assumed responsibilities for ZeroBeat and has continued the excellent standard set by his predecessor John, N1JIE. May issue was one of the longest in quite a while. Great job!
- Fall General class to be announced. Need instructor volunteers
- FCARC meeting schedules to be added to ZB, and ours in their newsletter
- Memorial (SK) Page created on website. Send information to W1IRL.

New Business:

- Saturday, May 22nd set for HCRA trailer cleaning and inventory and prep for Field Day.
- Field Day will be back at School Street Park in Agawam once again. Cleaning wipes at every station. Participants must be vaccinated and public will not be invited this year as a precaution. Appropriate signage re: limited access to be posted. Other COVID precautions will be established. ARRL rules for Field Day will be similar to last year where members can participate from home if they wish and have points credited to HCRA results.
- 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:

- New Ham net concluded at the end of April.
- Enabled Breakout rooms in Zoom, working on best ways of using them.
- Larry will be in touch with Holyoke Hospital to see about opening of location for meetings beginning in the Fall. Also, we will investigate the possibility of continuing to use Zoom for those who cannot make the physical meetings.

Next Club Meeting: Friday, June 4, 2021 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 PM