

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2021

Meeting Began 7:05 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry **Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary**
Membership – K1VOI John **Vice President – AA1WH Marcel**
Secretary – NF1G Paul **At Large – WA1OJN Bob**
ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken **Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm**

Unable to Attend:

Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane

President’s Report: Larry, W1AST

- WBZ is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in Sept. The Billerica Amateur Radio Society is having a special event station and HCRA will co-host the event. It will be a 3 day event using callsigns W1W, W1B, W1Z and our WB1Z. Special QSL and, perhaps, a certificate. Ops will sign up for blocks of time similar to the 13 Colonies event. More to follow.
- Larry informed the Board that he is a member of the Elect AB1OC team.
- Board voted to investigate hosting an HCRA Holiday Party at the Steaming Tender in December. Looking at a Monday evening. Gary to followup with the restaurant.
- Board discussed conflicts with our September meeting. The first Friday (Sept 3rd) is the Friday of Labor Day weekend and the following Friday (Sept 10th) is the Friday of HamXpostion (formerly Boxboro). While neither is ideal the Board voted to hold our September meeting on the 10th as it likely would be better attended since most will go to HamXposition on Saturday.
- Zoom has been renewed and sales tax was refunded using our sales tax exemption.
- See update on Field Day under New Business

Vice President’s Report: Marcel, AA1WH

- Summer dates for 10 meter nets are July 12th and August 16th
- New balloon launch likely in October or November depending on best weather pattern.

Secretary’s Report: Paul, NF1G

- QSLs sent to Outgoing Bureau (2 lbs)
- Trailer inventory nearly complete. Upon completion ARRL insurance costs will be investigated.

Treasurer’s Report: Duane, KC1FQV

Balance per bank, May 1, 2021	\$7,558.43
Income	
Dues and donations, net of Paypal fees	148.98
Expenses	
N.E. QSO Part plaque	50.00
Cable for Fox Box 2	28.00
Yaesu FT-4XR for FoxBox	<u>99.90</u>
Total expenses	<u>177.90</u>
Balance per bank, April 30, 2021	<u>\$7,529.51</u>

Duane has opened a savings account to hold any Amazon Smile donations from those members who wish to have part of their Amazon purchases credited to HCRA. More on how this works once the Amazon account is set up.

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

- Planning is underway for next year’s programs. Several possible speakers have been contacted and we are awaiting word on interest and availability. Contact Gary with any ideas for speakers.
- Awaiting word from Holyoke Hospital on availability for in-person meetings.

Membership Report: John, K1VOI

Total Members: 143
Regular Members: 121
Prospects: 6
Life: 4
Family: 11

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

- Arduino project to be presented either at Field Day or to be scheduled at one of the regular Fall meetings.
- Working on a possible SDR project using two laptops. Perhaps as a Share the Knowledge opportunity

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- June issue was one of the longest in quite a while and is receiving a lot of positive response throughout the region. Great job!
- Fall General class to be announced. Need instructor volunteers
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New Business:

- Field Day will be back at School Street Park in Agawam once again. Cleaning wipes at every station. COVID precautions should be taken but most, if not all have/will be vaccinated. HCRA will provide burgers/dogs, water Gatorade, soda. Potluck for anything else. 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 still being worked on by Larry and rules will be created and finalized. KC1DKY working on design.

Old Business:

- 2nd Balloon launch could be in partnership with Pathfinder Reg. H.S. – Marcel to discuss with Mariusz.
- **Next Club Meeting: Friday, September 10, 2021 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom or In Person)**

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 16, 2021 at Larry’s house 6:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 PM