

## HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 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      Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane**  
**ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken**

### Unable to Attend:

**Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm      At Large – WA1OJN Bob**

### **President’s Report: Larry, W1AST**

- Larry provided an update from Field Day. Filters in Najm possession should be included with the other equipment in the trailer so everything is centralized. Need to replace rusty lock on trailer and consideration should be given to purchasing items such as a backup power supply, rope for wire antennas and another canopy for a rest area. Further discussion/decisions will be made as we approach Field Day in 2022.
- Discussion was held regarding whether to renew our annual raffle. Postponed decision to the Fall.

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

- 10 meter nets are July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup> resulted in 7 – 8 checkins per session. Net will weekly again beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>
- New balloon launch likely in November/December depending on best weather pattern.

### **Secretary’s Report: Paul, NF1G**

- Trailer inventory completed. Replacement cost of all items determined and will result in an annual insurance premium (through ARRL) of approximately \$310 at current rates. Voted and approved that Paul should proceed to acquire insurance for the club’s equipment.

### **Treasurer’s Report: Duane, KC1FQV**

Balance per bank, June 1, 2021	\$7,529.51
Income	
Dues and donations, net of Paypal fees	72.78
Sales of donated equipment	440.00
Donation – FD food	40.00
Expenses	
Outgoing QSL card plus postage	<u>33.05</u>
Balance per bank, June 30, 2021	<u>\$8,049.24</u>
Balance per bank, July 1, 2021	\$8,049.24
Income	
Renewals, net of Paypal fees	29.26
Donations, net of Paypal fees	28.53
Expenses	
Field Day supplies & expenses	<u>257.54</u>
Balance per bank, July 31, 2021	<u>\$7,849.49</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. The amount in the saving account (\$500) is included in the above totals More on how this works in email to the membership and Zerobeat.

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

Fall meetings, at least initially, will continue via Zoom due to unavailability of Holyoke Hospital meeting room.

Sept 10: Gary Thomas, AA1UE, Hoe to talk through Satellites

Oct 1: Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, How to Grow Your Club

Nov 5: Bob, N1NUG, TBA

Dec 6: Holiday Party at the Steaming Tender, December 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 9:30 PM

Jan 7: Charlie, KC1IKA, Power & Go Box Design & Construction

Feb 4: DX Engineering – Building a Contest station (tentative)

Mar 4: Marcel, AA1WH, Balloon Launch

Apr 1: Show & Tell

May 6: OPEN

Jun 3: Elections & Field Day

### **Membership Report: John, K1VOI**

Total Members: 145  
Regular Members: 125  
Prospects: 6  
Life: 3  
Family: 11

### **At Large: Bob, WA1OJN**

- No report

### **Technical: Najm, AB1ZA**

- No report

### **ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU**

- Dues are due for 21/22 Zerobeat will include reminders
- Next issue will include instruction on how to sign up for **Amazon Smile**. Amazon account has been setup and bank account established for receipt of future donations.
- Advertising for Fall General class – volunteers for organizing and instructors needed – email [W1AST@arrl.net](mailto:W1AST@arrl.net)
- WBZ Special Event September 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>. Several HCRA members participating. Special QSL and 4 special calls including ours, WB1Z plus W1W, W1B and W1Z. This is a joint undertaking with the Billerica Radio Club.

### **New Business:**

- Holiday Party returns to the Steaming Tender on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Menu, tickets and pricing in development. HCRA Members plus spouses invited. More information to follow.
- 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:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 PM**