

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2021

Meeting Began 7:05 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry

Secretary – NF1G Paul Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane

ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

Unable to Attend:

Vice President – AA1WH Marcel Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Membership – K1VOI John

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Larry spoke about a joint Picnic & Radios on Sunday, September 19 from 10:30 until 2:30 with FCARC. Notice emailed to membership.
- Recommended to make a \$250 contribution to Agawam Parks & Rec for use of School Street Park for Field Day. Voted & Agreed.

Vice President's Report: Marcel, AA1WH

- No report

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. Application process is underway.

Treasurer's Report: Duane, KC1FQV

Balance per bank, August 1, 2021 \$7,849.49

Income

 Dues and donations, net of Paypal fees 13.99

 Interest on Savings .02

Expenses

0.00

Balance per bank, August 31, 2021 \$8,049.24

Brief discussion about investigating use of Venmo in addition, or in lieu of, Paypal in the future. Perhaps next year.

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, How 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 6th 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 (via email)

Total Members: 57

Regular Members: 48

Prospects:

Life: 3

Family: 6

Renewals are beginning in September. Above represents renewals through the meeting date, principally in September.

At Large: Bob, WA1OJN

- No report

Technical: Najm, AB1ZA

- Najm discuss project to enable analog to digital modulation using computer- to-computer communication. Once perfected likely to be a separate STK (Share the Knowledge) session.
- Paul mentioned meeting with Derek Rowell, AK1WI, President of NE Scitech at Marlborough who has designed an inexpensive kit to use for WSPR. Also, Paul will get in touch with Derek to see if he is willing to put on a STK session about uses of WSPR technology.

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- Dues are due for 21/22 Zerobeat will include reminders
- Advertising for Fall General class – volunteers for organizing and instructors needed – email W1AST@arrl.net
- WBZ Special Event September 17 – 19th. 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.
- Paul spoke to both Tom Frenaye, K1KI and Fred Hopengarten, K1VR at Marlborough about placing an information article in ZeroBeat regarding their candidacies for NE Division Director. Both were willing and Board was supportive. Information will be sent to Ken for publication.

New Business:

- Holiday Party returns to the Steaming Tender on December 6th. Menu, tickets and pricing in development. HCRA and FCARC Members plus spouses invited.
- Tickets will be sold through the mail at a cost of \$25 each. No tickets will be available at the door.
- Minimum will be 50 people but early interest is positive. HCRA will cover the cost of the room rental, expected to be \$300 – 450.
- "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, October 1, 2021 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)**

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 PM