

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry Vice President – AA1WH Marcel

Secretary – NF1G Paul Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane

ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

Unable to Attend:

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary Membership – K1VOI John

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Larry has updated both the Affiliated Club and Special Service Club designations on the ARRL website.
- Holiday Party tickets are selling but still a bit short of 50. Decision made to have the club pick up cost of any tickets short of 50, if any. **(Ticket sales are at 50 as of 11/22)**

Vice President's Report: Marcel, AA1WH

- Marcel led a discussion regarding the need to establish rules over the use of the Club's email list in light of recent events. Paul agreed to work with Marcel in drafting a set of rules for discussion. **In progress.**

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Equipment insurance has been obtained effective December 1, 2021. Premium was \$239.92 through ARRL.
- Dinner selection tickets have been prepared for each choice. Paul will coordinate attendee list with Duane. Attendees will receive their dinner selection cards upon arrival at the Steaming Tender.

Treasurer's Report: Duane, KC1FQV

Balance per bank, October 1, 2021 \$8,266.96

Income

Dues and donations, net of Paypal fees 338.79

Interest on Savings .01

Expenses

Postage for QSL Cards 8.55

Payment to FCARC (Outing food) 116.00

State Annual Report Filing Fee 18.50

Balance per bank, September 30, 2021 \$8,462.71

Balance includes Saving Account \$500.04

Donation of \$250 to Agawam Parks & Rec for use of School Street Park was made in November.

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE

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

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

Discussion of Share The Knowledge sessions for Jan, Feb & Mar was held. More information to follow via email and ZB when finalized.

Membership Report: John, K1VOI (via email)

Total Members: 88

Regular Members: 77

Prospects:

Life: 3

Family: 8

Renewals began in September. Above represents renewals through November 17, 2021. Members will be contacted and reminders in ZeroBeat and through email.

At Large: Bob, WA1OJN

- Has acquired Satellite antenna and will be installing soon.

Technical: Najm, AB1ZA

- Najm's project to enable analog to digital modulation using computer-to-computer communication is nearly completed. Najm suggested he could present as a STK (Share the Knowledge) session.

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- Dues are due for 21/22 Zerobeat will include reminders
- Advertising for General class – volunteers for organizing and instructors needed – email W1AST@arrl.net
- Paul will contact Vanessa and see if she can modify the Club's Home Page to include an ad for the Holiday Party

New Business:

- Need suggestions for Share the Knowledge sessions. Long Island CW Club confirmed for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 8PM via Zoom.

Old Business:

- Holiday Party returns to the Steaming Tender on December 6th. Menu consists of four plated choices as COVID prevents buffet style. HCRA and FCARC Members plus spouses invited. COVID vaccinations required. Club will acquire Door Prizes.
- Tickets will be sold through the mail and PayPal at a cost of \$25 each. No tickets will be available at the door.
- Minimum will be 50 people. 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.

Next Club Meeting: Friday, January 7, 2022 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM