

## HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 29, 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

Membership – K1VOI John

### Unable to Attend:

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

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

- Holiday Party went well. People seemed very pleased with return to the Steaming Tender.
- Several Share The Knowledge sessions lined up:
- January 18<sup>th</sup>: Long Island CW Club by Rich, K2UPS
- January 25<sup>th</sup>: D-Star – What is it and how to use it by Cory, KU1U
- February 8<sup>th</sup>: Intro to FT\*/FT4 by Dom, N1DM
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Traffic Handling & the Radiogram by Marcia Ford, KW1U
- March 8<sup>th</sup>: Open, awaiting confirmation
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Open, awaiting confirmation
- Discussion about whether to offer multiple year renewals in addition to the historical single year renewals. Also discussed whether to hold a prize drawing for those renewing by a certain date. Discussion to be continued as preparation for next renewal period.

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

- Marcel led a discussion of draft rules regarding use of the Club's email list in light of recent events. Marcel will finalize with Paul and final draft will be presented for adoption next month. Rules will then be posted on the club website and published in ZeroBeat.
- Marcel suggested we create an award in the name of Irv Slitsky, W6IS, who was instrumental several years ago in saving the club from extinction and served to the club in many ways over his years. Criteria will be developed with the concept being to award it periodically to someone who has gone "above and beyond" in service to the club or the Ham community.

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

- All club filings are up to date.

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

Balance per bank, November 1, 2021	\$8,462.71
Income	
Dues and donations, net of Paypal fees	138.92
Holiday Dinner tickets, net of PayPal fees	1177.46
Expenses	
Agawam Parks & Rec. Donation	(250.00)
Equipment Insurance Premium	<u>(239.92)</u>
Balance per bank, September 30, 2021	<u>\$9,289.16</u>

**Balance includes Saving Account \$500.04**

### **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 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 (via email)**

Total Members: 110

Regular Members: 98

Prospects: - 0 -

Life: 3

Family: 9

New licensees in our area will be sent invitation QSL cards and invited to join.

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

- No report

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

- Najm's project to enable analog to digital modulation using computer-to-computer communication is nearly completed.

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

- Advertising for General class – volunteers for organizing and instructors needed – email [W1AST@arrl.net](mailto:W1AST@arrl.net)
- Share the Knowledge sessions will be advertised in ZB

### **New Business:**

#### **Old Business:**

- "Worked All HCRA" certificate still being worked on by Larry as he has time 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, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 PM**