

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022

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 At Large – WA1OJN Bob
Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Unable to Attend:

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Decision made to have a table at MTARA Flea Market on March 5th. Will have equipment donations to club available for sale as well as membership applications and other information available. Staffing assignments made. Duane to follow up with MTARA.
- HCRA new Ham booklets to be made available along with membership applications at VE testing site at MTARA Flea Market.
- Discussion regarding holding a flea market raffle. After discussion decision made to wait until Fall in hopes a more substantial raffle can, once again, be offered.
- HCRA is the designated "Home" club for the upcoming Big E Booth in September. Several New England clubs will be supplying personnel to staff the booth. Paul to investigate whether HCRA's equipment insurance can cover loaned equipment for the three week period.
- Field Day site at School Street Park has been secured. Decision deferred on whether non-vaccinated people will be permitted to attend. Policy regarding vaccination policy will be decided later and announced as situation develops closer to Field Day.
- Ideas discussed about having a kit building activity at Field Day as well as perhaps a "Cookoff" Saturday night as ways of attracting more people to participate/attend Field Day.

Vice President's Report: Marcel, AA1WH

- Marcel indicated rules regarding use of the Club's email list ready. Rules will be posted on the club website and published in ZeroBeat.
- Marcel indicated balloon activities will be suspended for the time being as he has other compelling matters to attend to.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Club liability insurance policy has been renewed effective March 1, 2022 for one year.

Treasurer's Report: Duane, KC1FQV

Balance per bank, December 1, 2021	\$9,289.16
Income	
Dues and donations, net of Paypal fees	265.81
Holiday Dinner tickets, net of PayPal fees	73.80
Amazon	.03
Expenses	
Holiday Party – Steaming Tender	(1249.74)
Holiday Party – Door Prizes	<u>(158.11)</u>
Balance per bank, December 31, 2021 (1/1/22)	\$8,220.95
Income	
Dues and donations, net of Paypal fees	52.98
Expenses	
Postage, QSL Cards to ARRL	<u>(9.90)</u>
Balance per bank, January 31, 2022	<u>\$8,264.03</u>

Balance includes Saving Account \$500.06

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE

- Discussion of Show & Tell, prizes and judges. Promotion on Website and ZeroBeat.
- **Share the Knowledge – remaining sessions:**
- March 8: JS8Call – What is this mode and how do I use it? – Aaron, KF1G
- March 22: SOTA – What is it and how do I get started? – Harold, N1FTP
- April 5: W1 QSL Bureau – What is it and how does it work. – Eric, KV1J
- April 19: Using Propagation Prediction Software – Dennis, W1UE

Remaining Regular meetings:

Mar 4: New England Forest Rally – Paul, W1SEX

Apr 1: Show & Tell

May 6: Introduction to Antenna Modeling – Greg WA1JXR

Jun 3: Elections & Field Day

All meetings will continue via Zoom until Holyoke Hospital, or other suitable meeting room, becomes available.

Membership Report: John, K1VOI (via email)

Total Members: 114

Regular Members: 102

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

- Possible kit build for Field Day

Technical: Najm, AB1ZA

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ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

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

New Business:

- Discussion on how to bolster interest in 10 meter net. Participation lagging. Possibility to change to every other week. Will be continued weekly for now.

Old Business:

- "Worked All HCRA" certificate will be launched in connection with Club's 75th Anniversary in January 2023

Next Club Meeting: Friday, March 4, 2022 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM