

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2022

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry

Secretary – NF1G Paul Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane

ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

Membership – K1VOI John

Unable to Attend:

At Large – WA1OJN Bob Vice President – AA1WH Marcel

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Guest

Bill – W5JHZ (Candidate for VP)

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- 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. Applying for ARISS contact sometime during the Big E run. Working with New England SCI-Tech to obtain approval.
- Field Day site at School Street Park has been secured. FD Workers Prize voted and approved – will be announced in ZeroBeat
- Discussed a plan for a GOTA station at Field Day. Approved provided we can secure operators and equipment.
- Larry has been in touch with Holyoke Hospital and they will let us know when room will again be available.
- K1KI contacted and has agreed to do a STK session NEQP (New England QSO Party). See below
- Duane will be stepping down as Treasurer in June. Please notify Larry with any suggestions.

Vice President's Report: Marcel, AA1WH

No Report

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Has sent email to Equipment Insurance carrier to attempt to obtain coverage for loaned equipment for Big E event. No response as of Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Duane, KC1FQV

Balance per bank, February 1, 2022 \$8,264.03

Income

Expenses

Table for MTARA Flea Market	(\$20.00)
Club Liability Insurance	(\$200.00)
Postage for HCRA cards	(\$15.20)
Steaming Tender – Room Rental	(450.00)
ARRL Outgoing QSL fees	<u>(24.75)</u>
Balance per bank, February 28, 2022	<u>\$7,554.08</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:**
- April 5: W1 QSL Bureau – What is it and how does it work. – Eric, KV1J
- April 19: Using Propagation Prediction Software – Dennis, W1UE
- April 26: All about NEQP – Tom, K1KI

Remaining Regular meetings:

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

Total Members: 117

Regular Members: 105

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

- Possibly has speaking topic for next year if meetings are in person.

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:

Old Business:

- 10 Meter net still attracting check-ins of about 5 – 10 per week
- "Worked All HCRA" certificate will be launched in connection with Club's 75th Anniversary in January 2023

Next Club Meeting: Friday, April 1, 2022 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM