

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry

Secretary – NF1G Paul Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane

ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Membership – K1VOI John

Guest – W5JAZ Bill

Unable to Attend:

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm

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. Applied and received approval for ARISS contact sometime during the Big E run. Working with New England SCI-Tech.
- Big E Leadership met with Big E officials who expressed enthusiasm for having this booth and Ham radio at the Big E. Had several suggestions regarding publicity and exposure for the ARISS contact.
- Field Day site at School Street Park has been secured. Larry asking for volunteers via email, ZeroBeat. Trailer cleaned and ready for Field Day. Please help!
- Discussed a plan for a GOTA station at Field Day. Approved provided we can secure operators and equipment. Anticipate a signup sheet for possible classes.
- Larry has been in touch with Holyoke Hospital. Room likely will become available however conditions presently mandated (all masked and 30 person limit) not acceptable. Will continue to monitor as well as search for other sites.
- Duane will be stepping down as Treasurer in June. (Subsequent to the meeting George, KC1V agreed to serve)

Vice President's Report:

Marcel has stepped down due to family commitments and Bill, W5JAZ has agreed to join the Board in June as Marcel's replacement.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Paul reported he will be away and someone will need to take minutes for June's Board meeting. Paul will finalize and post upon his return in early July.

Treasurer's Report: Duane, KC1FQV

Balance per bank, April 1, 2022	\$8,023.87
Income	
Memberships, net of PayPal fees	41.97
Interest on Savings	.02
Expenses	
P.O. Box renewal	(212.00)
Show & Tell gift cards and postage	(103.00)
(2) Morserino kits future prizes	(186.92)
Postage for QSL Bureau	<u>(9.25)</u>
Balance per bank, April 30, 2022	<u>\$7,554.69</u>

Balance includes Saving Account \$528.91

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE

Share The Knowledge sessions finished for the season. Please submit ideas for next year to Gary. Expected to begin again in January 2023

Remaining Regular meetings:

June 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: 124

Regular Members: 111

Prospects: - 0 -

Life: 3

Family: 10

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

At Large: Bob, WA1OJN

No report

Technical: Najm, AB1ZA

No report

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- Advertising for General class – volunteers for organizing and instructors needed – email W1AST@arrl.net
- Promotions for Field Day and Big E to continue

New Business:

Old Business:

- 10 Meter net still attracting check-ins of about 5 – 10 per week. Will continue throughout the summer but at a rate of one per month. Dates to be announced
- "Worked All HCRA" certificate will be launched in connection with Club's 75th Anniversary in January 2023
- Bill, W5JAZ will be joining the Board in June as VP
- Still awaiting word on when Springfield Museums will be available to host a Special Event Station post COVID

Next Club Meeting: Friday, June 3, 2022 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 PM