

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2022

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry Vice President – W1AEZ Ed
ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm
Treasurer – KC1V George Secretary – NF1G Paul
Membership – K1VOI John Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Unable to Attend:

At Large – WA1OJN Bob

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. Several staffing slots remain open. Volunteer at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8hh29y>. Larry will also solicit volunteers at HamExposition in Marlborough.
- HCRA has received a grant from the ARRL in support of the Big E Project in the amount of \$10,000. A separate checking account has been established so as not to commingle funds with HCRA funds and make it easier to account for expenditures for the Project.
- Live meetings begin again at Holyoke Hospital on September 9th – no restrictions
- Field Day had smaller than normal turnout for setup, operating and tear down. KP4JLD won solder station (2nd Prize) and W1AEZ won headphones (1st Prize)
- Holiday Party – Monday December 5th (need to confirm with Steaming Tender)
- Pay Your Dues Raffle Prize – if dues paid by October 30th eligible for drawing of \$150 DX Engineering Gift Card

Vice President's Report: Ed, W1AEZ

- Ed, W1AEZ our new Vice President – Welcome aboard!

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Paul and Larry looked at two alternative sites for possible future meetings if Holyoke Hospital ever becomes unavailable. Thanks to Steve Berrien for locating sites.

Treasurer's Report: George, KC1V

Balance per bank, June 1, 2022 \$7,376.97

Income

Expenses

Field Day Supplies (24.97)

Zoom renewal (149.00)

Balance per bank, June 30, 2022 \$7,203.50

Income

Expenses

Field Day Supplies (44.56)

HCRA Clothing (43.00)

Balance per bank, July 31, 2022 \$7,115.94

Balance includes Saving Account \$546.49

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE

Sept 9 K3LR Contest Station by DX Engineering (awaiting confirmation)

Remaining Regular meetings:

Under development

Membership Report: John, K1VOI

Total Members: 127

Regular Members: 114

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

Has presentation prepared, awaiting confirmation of date

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

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

New Business:

- Zoom renewed for another year. Club meetings will be live but BOD meetings will continue on Zoom. Gary and Larry will evaluate Holyoke Hospital ability host host "hybrid" (Live + Zoom) meetings.
- Holiday Party for 2023 will be a Holiday and 75th Anniversary celebration.

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
- Still awaiting word on when Springfield Museums will be available to host a Special Event Station post COVID
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Next Club Meeting: Friday, September 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM