**HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**October 19, 2022**

**Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)**

**Attendees:**

**President – W1AST Larry Vice President – W1AEZ Ed**

**ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary**

**Treasurer – KC1V George Secretary – NF1G Paul**

**Membership – K1VOI John**

**Unable to Attend:**

**At Large – WA1OJN Bob Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm**

**President’s Report: Larry, W1AST**

* Holiday Party – Monday December 5th (later confirmed with Steaming Tender) More information to follow on price, menu, etc. Budget of $150 agreed for door prizes. Meal tickets will be printed and given to Larry.
* Discussion and voted to reintroduce HCRA Raffle – Geochron Atlas 4K plus Gift Certificate to Best Buy towards purchase of monitor and wall mount. Tickets have been printed and will be $10 each, limited to 250 tickets.
* Pay Your Dues Raffle Prize – if dues paid by October 30th eligible for drawing of $150 DX Engineering Gift Card
* Discussion of adding a Group Project kit build in the Spring for a club activity.
* Share the Knowledge starting to book. So far:
* Jan 17 – Reverse Beacons
* March 14 – RTTY
* March 28 – The YLRL
* Questionnaire email to members to solicit feedback on club attendance/ activities/ areas for improvement.
* Larry will prepare full Big E financial report when all expenses have been paid.

**Vice President’s Report: Ed, W1AEZ**

* Ed willing to assist in club projects when needed

**Secretary’s Report: Paul, NF1G**

* Paul reported that all ARRL club has been updated.

**Treasurer’s Report: George, KC1V**

Balance per bank, September 1, 2022 $6,427.04

Income

Dues & Donations 645.00

Reimbursement for Big E check\* 450.00

Expenses

Club Banner (63.51)

PayPal fees (12.12)

W1AEZ Badge (11.50)

Balance per bank, August 31, 2022 $7,434.91

\*Deposited in error to this account. Will be transferred to Big E account in October

Savings Account

Balance, September 1 , 2002 $546.51

Interest .04

Amazon Smile 36.36

Balance, September 30, 2022 $582.91

**Program Director’s Report: Gary, AA1UE**

Nov 4th HCRA Ham Radio Auction – see ZeroBeat for details and item type restrictions

Dec 5th Holiday Party at Steaming Tender

Remaining Regular meetings:

January 2023 Mike, K1TWF State of the ARRL

February 2023 Jim K1IR Tower Safety\*\*

March 2023 TBA

April 2023 Show and Tell

May 2023 TBA

June 2023 Elections and Field Day

\*\* Awaiting confirmation

**Membership Report: John, K1VOI**

Total Members: 64 (based on renewals through 10/19/22)

Regular Members: 55

Prospects: - 0 -

Life: 3

Family: 6

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](mailto:W1AST@arrl.net)

**New Business:**

* Holiday Party for 2023 will be a Holiday and 75th Anniversary celebration. Expected to be recognized by the ARRL for 75th Anniversary. NE Division Director and Vice Director expected to attend. Discussion of ways to continually promote 75th Anniversary throughout the year.

**Old Business:**

* 10 Meter net now returning to weekly on Monday evenings. See ZeroBeat and social media for details
* “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
* Discussed possibility to have Greeters at each club meeting to make people, particularly potential and new Hams feel welcome.
* Discussed present website design and potential modification to make it more inviting to new Hams in search of relevant material. Discussion to be ongoing.

**Next Club Meeting:** **Friday, November 4, 2022 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital**

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM**