

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2022

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry Vice President – W1AEZ Ez

ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Treasurer – KC1V George

Secretary – NF1G Paul Membership – K1VOI John

At Large – KP4JLD Josue Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob

Unable to Attend:

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Holiday Party – Monday December 5th was a big success and enjoyed by all in attendance. Room is booked for next year On December 4, 2023
- Raffle tickets available for sale at \$10 each. 31 sold at Holiday Party but will be available at each meeting.
- Discussion of adding a Group Project kit build in the Spring for a club activity.
- Discussion about modifying club's logo to include reference to 75th Anniversary 1948 – 2023. Ken to prepare.
- Share the Knowledge sessions established. So far:
 - Jan 10th – DX Marathon, Mark WC3W
 - Jan 17th – Reverse Beacons N4ZR
 - Jan 24th – 9 Band DXCC on a small lot, Mark KE1IU
 - Feb 21st - Inexpensive tools for the Ham radio operator, Part 1, Bob K1YO
 - Feb 28th – Inexpensive tools etc, Part 2, Bob K1YO
 - Mar 14th – Modern RTTY, Juergen NV1Q
 - Mar 28th – The YLRL, Barbara KC1KGS & Anne WB1ARU
 - Apr 11th – The ARRL & You, Ray AA1SE
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Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

- Ez to chair 75th Anniversary Planning Committee, looking for 3 – 4 volunteers

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Paul reported that all ARRL club information and equipment insurance has been updated.

Treasurer's Report: George, KC1V

(The following report covers October and November since no Board meeting took place in November)

Balance per bank, October 1, 2022 \$7,434.91

Income

Dues & Donations 673.75
Auction 204.00
Holiday Party 906.07

Expenses

QSL Bureau Fees & Postage (31.28)
PayPal fees (18.00)
Mass Annual Filing fee (18.50)
Raffle Prize & Gift Card (Geochron 4K & Best Buy) (777.51)
Trailer Repair Material (37.18)
Gift Card – Early Renewal Prize (150.00)
Club Liability Insurance renewal (239.92)
Big E check redeposited to Big E account (450.00)

Balance per bank, November 30, 2022 \$7,496.34

Savings Account

Balance, October 1, 2002 \$582.91

Interest .05

Amazon Smile 24.40

Balance, November 30, 2022 \$607.36

Total Treasury **\$8,103.70**

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE (via email from Ken KD1KU)

January:

Tim Carter, W3ATB is giving an **in-person** presentation on the New England Forrest Road Rally!

February:

Tom Vinson, NY0V will be giving a **virtual** presentation on his involvement in a special expedition tracing the path of Amelia Earhart and to replicate the radio communications that were in use at that time!

March:

Guest Speaker Fred Kemmerr, AB1OC with a special **virtual** presentation all about "Adventures In Bora Bora" DX'ing from the South Pacific

April:

Show and Tell is back... Enter your projects and win great prizes!

This is always one of the most popular & interesting meeting.

Get your projects built as prizes will be awarded!

May:

The May guest speaker will be announced soon!

June:

2023 Elections, Field Day prep & more. Consider running for a Board of Directors position,

Plus, **virtual** guest speaker Adrian Zeffert, AB2IX with tips from the test bench, Solving common issues with simple test equipment.

Membership Report: John, K1VOI

Total Members: 89 (based on renewals through 12/28/22)

Regular Members: 78

Prospects: - 0 -

Life: 3

Family: 8

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

At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

Welcome aboard!

Technical: Bob, WA1OJN

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- ZB to include short announcement regarding rare DX – Bouvet, 3J0Y and Crozet, FT8WW numbers 2 & 3 on Most Wanted List to be operational in January 2023
- Larry continues to hear accolades regarding ZeroBeat – Best club newsletter in New England – **great job Ken!!**

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.
- Discussed possibility to have Greeters at each club meeting to make people, particularly potential and new Hams feel welcome.

Next Club Meeting: Friday, January 6, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM