

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2023

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry Vice President – W1AEZ Ez
ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Treasurer – KC1V George
Membership – K1VOI John Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

At Large – KP4JLD Josue

Unable to Attend:

Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob Secretary – NF1G Paul

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Raffle tickets available for sale at \$10 each. Will be available at each meeting.
- Discussion of adding a Group Project kit build in the Spring for a club activity. ARRL End Fed Half Wave suggested. So far no takers.
- Discussion about modifying club's logo to include reference to 75th Anniversary 1948 – 2023. Ken to prepare.
- Share the Knowledge sessions established. So far:
 - 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
- Discussion whether to create a "Members Only" section on Club website. No consensus reached so tabled for future discussion.
- Need to continue to sell raffle tickets. Raffle drawing planned for noon at MTARA Flea Market, March 4th
- Two table will be purchased for MTARA Flea Market on March 4th. Need volunteers to man tables that morning.

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

- Ez working on 75th Anniversary. Planning Committee consists of Ez, W1AEZ: George, KC1V; Josue, KP4JLD; and Bill, W1FMX

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

Unable to attend

Treasurer's Report: George, KC1V

Balance per bank, December 1, 2022	\$7,496.34
Income	
Dues & Donations	15.00
Expenses	
PayPal fees	(18.00)
Party – Restaurant (meals and Room)	<u>(1665.53)</u>
Balance per bank, December 31, 2022	<u>\$5,844.80</u>

Savings Account

Balance, December 1, 2002	\$607.36
Interest	<u>.02</u>
Balance, November 30, 2022	<u>\$607.38</u>

Total Treasury **\$6,452.18**

It was noted that Amazon will be ending the Amazon Smile program in the near future

George is also looking into the use of Venmo or Zelle in addition to Paypal as an alternative means of dues payments

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE

The program for meetings is filled for the balance of the year but Gary suggested we consider a club activity for the third weekend in May. Perhaps a QRP meetup somewhere like Sugarloaf or Mt Tom. Another opportunity for club members to get together.

Membership Report: John, K1VOI

Total Members: 91 (based on renewals through 1/25/23)
Regular Members: 80
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

Josue suggested that we investigate the use of EchoLink to attract members from outside the USA. Larry added that the Meriden club in CT does something similar.

Technical: Bob, WA1OJN

Unable to attend

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- 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 has now returned 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, February 3, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 PM