

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 23, 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 Secretary – NF1G Paul

Unable to Attend:

Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

At Large – KP4JLD Josue

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. Still looking for ideas.
- Club's logo has been modified to include reference to 75th Anniversary 1948 – 2023. Ken and Juergen prepared.
- Share the Knowledge sessions established. So far:
 - Mar 14th – Modern RTTY, Juergen NV1Q
 - Mar 28th – The YLRL, Barbara KC1KGS & Anne WB1ARU
 - Apr 11th – The ARRL & You, Ray AA1SE
- Need to continue to sell raffle tickets. **NOTE:** Raffle drawing extended until Show & Tell due to poor turnout at MTARA Flea Market.
- Two table will be purchased for MTARA Flea Market on March 4th. Need volunteers to man tables that morning.
- UMass - Amherst students are revitalizing the club station (W1PUO) which has been dormant for several years. HCRA is doing what it can to support them. Larry, Bob, and Paul have provided information to the organizers and support so far as the club is being reinvigorated. Station license is still active (renews in 2025) and application will be made Student Government to once again become an RSO (registered student organization) which will enable to club to seek funding.
- It has come to the Board's attention that the meeting minutes are being "Tweeted" from our website which was not the intention. Board voted to suspend posting of minutes on HCRA website for 3 months while this issue is investigated and a permanent solution can be found.

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

- Ez working on 75th Anniversary. Planning Committee consists of Ez, W1AEZ: George, KC1V; Josue, KP4JLD; and Bill, W1FMX
- Discussion was held regarding activities and perhaps a Special Event Station on the anniversary date.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

Liability insurance policy has been renewed effective March 1, 2023.

Post Office Box needs to be renewed in April. George to follow up.

Treasurer's Report: George, KC1V

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved by the Board for the month of January. A copy may be obtained by any member by contacting the Treasurer.

It was noted that Amazon will be ending the Amazon Smile program in the near future. Our understanding is that there will be a final payment made at that time.

George looked into the use of Venmo or Zelle in addition to Paypal as an alternative means of dues payments. Further investigation will be made but it appears Zelle is not a viable option for non-profit use.

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE

Unable to attend

Membership Report: John, K1VOI

Total Members: 101 (based on renewals through 2/22/23)

Regular Members: 90

Prospects: - 0 -

Life: 3

Family: 8

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

Some positive response to recent renewal email as a few more renewals came through.

At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

Unable to attend

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, March 3, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM