

## HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2023

Meeting Began 7:00 PM Location: Larry's House

### Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry      Secretary – NF1G Paul  
Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary      Vice President – W1AEZ Ez  
Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob      ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken  
At Large – KP4JLD Josue

### Unable to Attend:

Membership – Steve N1SR      Treasurer – KC1V George

#### President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Field Day site (Agawam) went very well. Limited to wire antennas but everyone enjoyed themselves. Purchase new grill to replace old, worn out one. Ez and Lucy did a great job with the food. Bear pic went viral!
- Looking for raffle ideas. Nothing jumped out at Dayton but ideas welcome.
- Moved website to a new, less expensive host. Alan, AB1XW assisted Vanessa. Still some fine tuning to do on the website but should be finished soon.
- Looking to do a Fall kit build QRP Labs clock kit. Also considering a Spring build as well. Full info on Fall build in ZB.
- HamXposition this coming weekend.
- Holiday party planning and discussion of door prizes, larger prizes in consideration of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Share the Knowledge planning for Jan – Mar underway.

#### Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

- Provided status report on 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary preparations. Good progress being made.
- Planning for Fall cookout at Agawam School; Street Park Pavilion with POTA-like activation. October 7, 2023. 0900 – 1500 Local Time

#### Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- All matters are up to date.
- Next batch of QSLs to go out in Sept. for the ARRL Outgoing Bureau.
- Suggested we "triage" list of non-renewing member to ascertain reasons for non-renewal. Paul to contact Steve to ask him to prepare list on non-renewals and get project started.

#### Treasurer's Report: George, KC1V

**The Treasurer's Report (emailed to meeting as George unable to make meeting) was reviewed and approved. Any member may obtain a copy by contacting the Treasurer.**

- Investigating whether club can take advantage of PayPal rate for nonprofits and whether Venmo can be offered as an alternative for payments of dues, etc.
- Dues for renewals begin in September.

#### Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE

Contacts are in process for future speakers. So far this Fall the lineup is as follows:

September: Bob Gloriosi, W1IS and Bob Rose, KC1 DSQ will make a presentation on wire antennas.

October: Awaiting confirmation

November: Annual Auction

December: Anniversary and Holiday Party – Steaming Tender

Winter schedule of speakers under development as well as Share The Knowledge sessions (STK)

#### Membership Report: Steve, N1SR

**No current report.**

Total Members: 116 (based on renewals through 6/21/23)

Regular Members: 101

Prospects: - 4 -

Life: 3

Family: 8

#### At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

- Discussed how to engage new members. Led to discussion about engaging Techs during 10 Meter contest by invite to members homes with higher licenses to expose Techs to HF and contesting.

#### Technical: Bob, WA1OJN

- Discussed possible Spring kit build ideas.

#### ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- Larry continues to hear accolades regarding ZeroBeat – Best club newsletter in New England – **great job Ken!!**

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

**Next Club Meeting: Friday, September 8\*, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital**

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September (TBD), 2023 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM**

**\*First Friday is Labor Day Weekend**