

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023

Meeting Began 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry Secretary – NF1G Paul

Treasurer – KC1V George ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken

Unable to Attend:

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary Vice President – W1AEZ Ez

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

Membership – Steve N1SR

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Fall kit build QRP Labs clock kit, full information in ZeroBeat. Also considering a Spring build as well.
- Holiday party planning and discussion of door prizes, larger prizes in consideration of 75th Anniversary. Steaming Tender contacted and the three meal choices will be Baked Haddock, Pot Roast and Turkey Dinner. Includes salad and special 75th Anniversary cake for dessert. \$30 per person.
- In addition to normal door prize the following special prizes will be awarded (must be present to win):
 - Xiegu X6100
 - 80/40m vertical antenna
 - Morserino kit
- Technician classes in January. Lot of interest at Big E and hospital. 12 people signed up and more from Big E. Have to get planning for space, instructors, etc.
- Discussion of moving to groups.io for email due to more features and greater flexibility. Consensus was "yes".
- Share the Knowledge planning for Jan – Mar underway.

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ (Larry reporting)

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 went out in Sept. for the ARRL Outgoing Bureau.
- Suggested we "triage" list of non-renewing member to ascertain reasons for non-renewal. Paul to recirculate list and ask Steve to provide email addresses and telephone numbers for non-renewals.

Treasurer's Report: George, KC1V

The Treasurer's Report 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. Also looking into use of Venmo.
- Dues for renewals began in September. Many renewals received in September. Several opting for 5 for 4 alternative.
- Agawam Parks & Rec to receive \$250 donation for use of Park for Field Day.

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE (update from Larry)

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

October: Adam Stremzko, weather and Ham radio

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.

At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

No current report

Technical: Bob, WA1OJN

No current report

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, October 6, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM