

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

Meeting Began 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry Secretary – NF1G Paul

Treasurer – KC1V George ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken

Vice President – W1AEZ Ez Membership – Steve N1SR

Unable to Attend:

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

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

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Fall kit build QRP Labs clock kit, full information in ZeroBeat. Signups extended to December 31st. 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 and a paid up member 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. Start planning for space, instructors, etc.
- Discussion of moving to groups.io for email due to more features and greater flexibility. Consensus was "yes". Will plan on moving January 1st.

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

Fall cookout at Agawam School at Street Park Pavilion was a huge success. Turnout was excellent considering the weather and forecast. Planning to make this an annual event.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- All fillings with State and Federal agencies are up to date. All ARRL club information had been brought up to date as well.
- Suggested we "triage" list of non-renewing member to ascertain reasons for non-renewal. Paul to recirculated list and Steve to provided email addresses and telephone numbers for non-renewals. Plan is to begin contacts week of October 23rd.

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. Use of Venmo appears to be inhibited due to commercial nature of our bank account. Larry to inquire of clubs in Eastern Mass to see how they are getting around this issue.
- Dues for renewals began in September. Many renewals received in September. So far about 50% are opting for the 5 year (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:

November: Annual Auction, other area clubs to be notified of this event.

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

3 Life, 3 family, 2 prospects, 55 regular members, 1 courtesy Total 64 so far. Renewals are still coming in.

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

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 PM