

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2023

Meeting Began 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry Secretary – NF1G Paul

Treasurer – KC1V George ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken

Membership – Steve N1SR At Large – KP4JLD Josue

Unable to Attend:

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary Vice President – W1AEZ Ez

Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob

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. Start planning for space, instructors, etc. Interest expressed by 40 – 50 people so far.
- Moving to groups.io for email due to more features and greater flexibility. Will plan on moving January 1st.

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

No report this month

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Equipment insurance renewed through ARRL for another year beginning December 1, 2023

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.
- Auction a big success. Club netted \$863 compared to \$204 last year. Several members donated items for sale. Thanks to all.

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

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

December: Anniversary and Holiday Party – Steaming Tender

January: WOMET Marv Turner to speak on Winter Field Day

February: TBA

March: WA1ZEV, Steve Shore All about DMR

April: Show and Tell

May: KM1NDY – Adventures with POTA and SOTA

June: Elections and Field Day

Share The Knowledge sessions (STK)

Jan 9: All about Raspeberry PI, Aaron, KF1G

Jan 23: All about D-Star, Terry Stader, KA8SCP

Jan 30: All about WRTC 2023 in Italy, Dennis Egan W1UE

Feb/Mar TBA

Membership Report: Steve, N1SR

3 Life, 3 family, 3 prospects, 64 regular members, 1 courtesy Total 74 so far. Renewals are still coming in. Numbers include 8 new members. Considerable number of members have not renewed as yet. Hope to gain from upcoming license class.

At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

-Suggested a speaker or STK on Antenna Modeling and items of interest to newer Hams

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, January 5, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM