

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 27, 2023

Meeting Began 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry Secretary – NF1G Paul

Treasurer – KC1V George ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken

At Large – KP4JLD Josue Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Co-Webmaster – AB1XW Alan

Unable to Attend:

Vice President – W1AEZ Ez Membership – Steve N1SR

Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- Holiday party went well with 68 total attendees. Some discussion of cost and future planning. Steaming Tender is reserved for December 9, 2024, 6 – 9 PM.
- Technician classes in January. Lot of interest at Big E and hospital. Start planning for space, instructors, etc. Several signups. Gary and Larry following up with others who have expressed interest.
- Moving to groups.io for email due to more features and greater flexibility. Will plan on moving January 1st. Information on how to access/use in ZeroBeat.
- Approved Paul, NF1G as new Trustee for callsign W1NY to replace John, N1JIE who is moving soon to Pennsylvania.
- Field Day 2024: School Street Park reserved. As Larry is going to be away this year there was considerable discussion who will step up to organize this years operations.
- Share the Knowledge schedule continues to develop. See Zerobeat for dates and topics.

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

No report this month

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- All filings up to date.

Treasurer's Report: George, KC1V

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Any member may obtain a copy by contacting the Treasurer.

- Holiday Party costs were discussed with view as to how to reduce the overall cost going forward. Due to 75th Anniversary costs were much higher than in the past due to special door prizes but these should be non-recurring.

Co-Webmaster Report: Alan, AB1XW

- Several topics discussed primarily related to how to improve the website functionality. Possibly adding a banner with drop down topical menus similar to the way the previous website was setup. Also, making modifications so the appearance and functionality is the same whether using a PC or tablet.
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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:

January: WOMET Marv Turner to speak on Winter Field Day

February: AA1UE Gary APRS and Packet

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 Pl, Aaron, KF1G

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

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

Feb/Mar

Mar 12: First time experience at The NE Forest Rally, Phil Lord K1PRA

Membership Report: Steve, N1SR (via email)

3 Life, 5 family, 4 prospects, 80 regular members, 1 courtesy Total 93 so far. Considerable number of members (48) have not renewed as yet. Hope to gain from upcoming license class.

- Membership list on HCRA.org needs to be updated and club membership must be updated before the 10 meter contest, Winter Field Day and NEQP contests.

At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

- No current report

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:

- Big E booth not renewed for 2024 and excess grant money returned to ARDC. Larry no longer has time to coordinate this activity due to other commitments.

Old Business:

Next Club Meeting: Friday, January 5, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM