

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2024

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

Vice President – W1AEZ Ez Membership – Steve N1SR

Unable to Attend:

Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob

President's Report: Larry, W1AST

- 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. 77 sign ups as of January 24th.
- 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 year's operations. Still searching for leader or co-leaders to organize Field Day
- Share the Knowledge schedule continues to develop. See Zerobeat for dates and topics.
- Table reserved for March 2nd MTARA Flea Market. Will finalize coverage of table next month. Table will have copies of ZBN, Club Flyer Membership Application, etc.
- Will encourage participation in Winter Field Day

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

- Need to develop and encourage pathway for new Hams to participate and grow within the hobby. There was considerable discussion and sharing of ideas as to how to do this and will be a continual topic for development.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- All filings up to date. Liability insurance to be renewed in February.
- Next batch of QSL cards ready to be sent to the League.

Treasurer's Report: George, KC1V

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

- Topic of discussion was what to do about the trailer and lack of registration. Will continue discussion as to concerns.

Co-Webmaster Report: Alan, AB1XW

- Several topics discussed primarily related to how to improve the website functionality. Lots of discussion about ideas to improve functionality now that we are moving to groups.io and possible avenues for integration.
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Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE

Program calendar is filled for Winter/Spring 2024. STK calendar is filling up as well. See Zerobeat/Website for more information on upcoming topics. The remaining Fall/Winter lineup is as follows:

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 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

Technician classes are going well with some students participating in person and others online.

Membership Report: Steve, N1SR (via email)

3 Life, 5 family, 4 prospects, 83 regular members, 1 courtesy Total 96 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.
- Steve to send list of non-renewals to Board for follow-up.

At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

- Expressed desire for publication of subject matter experts to whom a member could reach out to gain additional knowledge of various topics.

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:

Old Business:

Next Club Meeting: Friday, February 2, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

Next Board Meeting: February 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM