

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2024

Meeting Began 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

President – AB1XW Alan Secretary – NF1G Paul

ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Vice President – EZ W1AEZ Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob

At Large – KP4JLD Josue Treasurer – KB1WAM Michael

Unable to Attend:

Membership – Steve N1SR

President's Report: Alan, AB1XW

- Called ARRL regarding new licensee list to no avail. Figured out a clumsy but effective workaround searching the FCC database and resumed sending letters to new hams.
- Was interview by Amherst College student, Quinn Nelson for her documentary project. Encourage others to help her out as well.

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

- Raised several points about activities such as renewing FoxHunts to generate club activities.
- Discussion about reviewing ByLaws with a view towards modernization

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Trailer is now at Harold's (N1FTP) house in Easthampton. Bob, WA1OJN agreed to continue to explore registration issues but it will be used as storage until registration matters are resolved.
- Equipment insurance policy to be renewed in November.

Treasurer's Report: Michael, KB1WAM

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

Michael indicated some difficulty obtaining access to bank. Alan to work with Michael and George to get matters resolved.

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE (via Alan)

- Meeting speaker calendar filled except for May but possibilities exist for this remaining slot. See ZeroBeat for details.
- Share the Knowledge speakers discussed for the Winter months. Several possibilities identified. Watch ZeroBeat
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- Considerable discussion over Holiday Party location. Considerable and widespread disappointment with the Steaming Tender as a location as food quality relative to price was generally unfavorable. Overall cost was considered high for what was delivered. Steaming Tender was contacted about a buffet instead of plated meals but they said no, they no longer will do buffets. Decision was made to relocate Holiday Party to the Castle of Knights in Chicopee as location was more central to membership and to have a buffet subject to location availability on or near the date we had planned (subsequently booked for December 3rd).

Membership Report: Steve, N1SR

- 3 Life, 5 family, 7 prospects, 73 regular members. Total 88 so far as renewals are beginning to come in. (Reported via email from Steve)
- Notice to be sent to encourage renewals.

At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

- Picnic went well and a good time was had by all.

Technical: Bob, WA1OJN

- A number of club kit projects were discussed for a Spring activity. Membership to be polled to gauge interest in the three or four proposals

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- Alan has stepped in to again edit ZeroBeat for November as Ken has another project (relocating) consuming his time.

New Business:

- Discussion about reintroducing Raffle. Choices discussed were BG2FX radio (very popular, currently awaiting new production) and new Kenwood TH-75A handheld. Decision postponed.
- Alan has been contacted by Longmeadow HS regarding setting up Ham Club. Would like to expand on that idea going forward.
- Contact WMA SEC to get HCRA more involved in local ARES activities. Perhaps a STK session.

Old Business:

Next Club Meeting: Friday, November 1, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

Next Board Meeting: November 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 PM