

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

Meeting Began 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

President – AB1XW Alan Secretary – NF1G Paul

ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken At Large – KP4JLD Josue

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

Unable to Attend:

Membership – Steve N1SR Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Treasurer – KB1WAM Michael

President's Report: Alan, AB1XW

- Decision made to cancel Holiday Party due to lack of sufficient signups. Knights required 50 minimum and only about 25 registered.
- Deferred decision to further archiving of HCRA documents until deeper review can be conducted.
- Some discussion regarding November auction and ways to improve.

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

- Raised several points about activities such as renewing FoxHunts to generate club activities.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- Discussion about reviewing ByLaws with a view towards modernization. Board to review and planned further discussion for February/March agenda.
- Equipment insurance policy renewed effective December 1st. Newly donated display board to be added at first opportunity.
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Treasurer's Report: Michael, KB1WAM

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

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

- Unable to attend, no report

Membership Report: Steve, N1SR

- Unable to attend, no report
- **At Large: Josue, KP4JLD**
- No report

Technical: Bob, WA1OJN

- Polling of membership indicates Ham clock most popular. Bob will develop parts list/costs and will prepare to firm up interest and set date for construction meeting in Spring.
- 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/insurance matters are resolved. In the meantime will continue to use trailer as "storage site".
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ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- Alan has stepped in to again edit ZeroBeat for December until Ken has sufficient time to reengage.
- **New Business:**
- Discussion about reintroducing Raffle. Choices discussed were BG2FX radio (very popular, currently awaiting new production) and new Kenwood TH-75A handheld. Decision deferred until next year to allow more time to print and sell tickets.
- Alan has been contacted by Longmeadow HS regarding setting up Ham Club. Would like to expand on that idea going forward. Suggestion was to develop an outreach team to further investigate opportunities in the valley.
- Contact WMA SEC to get HCRA more involved in local ARES activities. Perhaps a STK session.
- Bob, K1YO, has suggested creating a Mentor Team and is willing to take the lead on this.
- Decision made to take a table(s) at MTARA Flea Market in March.

Old Business:

Next Club Meeting: Friday, January 3 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

Next Board Meeting: December 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM