

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025

Meeting Began 7:01 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

President – AB1XW Alan

Vice President – EZ W1AEZ ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken

Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob

Unable to Attend:

At Large – KP4JLD Josue Secretary – NF1G Paul

Treasurer – KB1WAM Michael Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Membership – Steve N1SR

President's Report: Alan, AB1XW

- Bob, K1YO and Bob, WA1OJN to set up Mentoring Committee. (See below)
- Discuss planning around 2025 Field Day. Alan to ask Josue to lead again. Considerable thought given to set up off solar powered QRP as Alan has new solar charging/power equipment. Discussion of how best to transport trailer equipment. Hire a flat bed to transport trailer or use another vehicle to bring equipment from trailer to Field Day site.
- Discussed MTARA Ham Fest, attendance, setup and staffing.

Vice President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ

- Suggested Meshtastic 900 Mhz build as a possible project. Considerable discussion and interest. Cost between \$20 – 30 and involves some basic soldering but an easy build and could help to expand Meshtastic capabilities in the area.
- Looking to restart Fox Hunt activities in near future.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G (Alan reporting)

- Review of ByLaws with a view towards modernization postponed to March due to Paul's absence.
- Liability insurance renewed effective March 1st.

Treasurer's Report: Michael, KB1WAM

- No report

Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE

- No report

Membership Report: Steve, N1SR

- No report

At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

- No report

Technical: Bob, WA1OJN

- Alan to reach out to Bob, K1YO to contact Bob, WA1OJN about furthering mentoring program.
- Bob will followup on Meshtastic kit possibilities with area contacts. Ez to provide contacts to Bob.

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- Ken once again is producing ZeroBeat.

Website: (Alan and Vanessa)

- All up to date.

New Business:

Old Business:

- Decision made to take a table(s) at MTARA Flea Market in March. Staffing discussed. Ez to arrange for "Blue Board" and banner.

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

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:36 PM