

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2025

Meeting Began 7:01 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

President – AB1XW Alan Treasurer – KB1WAM Michael

Vice President – EZ W1AEZ ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken

At Large – KP4JLD Josue Secretary – NF1G Paul

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

Unable to Attend:

Membership – Steve N1SR Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob

President’s Report: Alan, AB1XW

- Discuss planning around 2025 Field Day. Alan to ask Josue to lead again. Goal is to have at least 100 watt station and one tower with tribander plus dipoles. Seven people signed up so far and signup sheet to be circulated at May 2nd club meeting. Discussion of how best to transport trailer equipment.
- Home Depot cards to be provided to presenters at April Show & Tell. Michael to take care of.
- P.O. Box renewed for another year.
- Discussion of Board composition. Ken stepping down and Alan willing to assume ZB duties but not willing to also remain as President. Ez considering. Discussed sending email to membership to solicit volunteers for Board positions.

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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. Discussed having Fall speaker on this topic followed by build.
- Restarting Fox Hunt activities in near future with a training lecture.

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

- Review of ByLaws with a view towards modernization with focus on adopting electronic voting for both the Board and the membership at large when necessary. Considerable discussion on how best to conduct such a vote. Paul to conduct further research on wording and methodologies. Certain wording modification suggested to more accurately reflect how matters are conducted in practice. Goal; is to have a “redlined” draft available to present to the membership in the Fall.

Treasurer’s Report: Michael, KB1WAM

- Financial reports for February through April presented and approved.
- **Reports available by request to the Treasurer**

Program Director’s Report: Gary, AA1UE

- Tech classes to begin again in the Fall. Advertising will take place over the summer. Gary has location for classes.
- Speaker schedule is nearly complete for Fall.

Membership Report: Steve, N1SR

- No report

At Large: Josue, KP4JLD

- Discussed several Field Day related topics. Planning will be getting underway in earnest this coming month.

Technical: Bob, WA1OJN

- No report

ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU

- Ken once again is producing ZeroBeat but will be stepping down. Thanks Ken for a fantastic job! Tough shoes to fill.

Website: (Alan and Vanessa)

- All up to date.

New Business:

Old Business:

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

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:11 PM