

HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 21, 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 Guest – John Belhumeur

Unable to Attend:

Membership – Steve N1SR Tech. Dir. – WA1OJN Bob

Treasurer – KB1WAM Michael

President's Report: Alan, AB1XW

- Discussion of Board composition. Ken stepping down and Alan willing to assume ZB duties but not willing to also remain as President. Ez considering. Agreed to send email to membership to solicit volunteers for Board positions.
- Received the club's IC-751 from Larry, W1AST. Board voted to expend an estimated \$260 to effect repairs so it can be used at Field Day and other events.
- Considerable discussion and recommendations with respect to June's voting for Officers and solicitations for new members.

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. FoxHunting STK on May 16th was well received.

Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G

- 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. Will take up again in the Fall when all new Board members can participate.
- W1NY callsign renewed. Vanessa to renew WB1Z this month.

Treasurer's Report: Michael, KB1WAM

- No report
- **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 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.
- Spreadsheet created and to be emailed to solicit participants. Inventory to be conducted of trailer contents prior to Field Day.
- Josue has equipment inventory. Alan to bring IC-7200 plus club's IC-751 and IC-761

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)

- HAMX banner added to website
- All else up to date.

New Business:

Old Business:

Next Club Meeting: Friday, June 6, 2025 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital

Next Board Meeting: August, 2025 TBD at 7:00 PM in person

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM