

## HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 20, 2025

Meeting Began 7:01 PM via Zoom

### Attendees:

President – W1AEZ Ez    Treasurer – N1FJ Frandy

Vice President – KP4JLD Josue    ZeroBeat – AB1XW Alan

Tech Dir – K1YO Bob    Secretary – NF1G Paul

Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

### Unable to Attend:

Membership – KB1VHN Al    At Large – KD1KU Ken

### **President's Report: Ez, W1AEZ**

- Discussion of Board roles and responsibilities. Initiating written guideline for Board members to accomplish club tasks. Considerable discussion about how best to coordinate Club Activities. Consensus was to form Teams for each event with a Board member as leader.
- Discussion of Holiday Party and whether MTARA would be interested in joining us. Ez to pursue with MTARA leadership. Also began discussion of format , e.g. location, buffet vs potluck, etc. No conclusion reached as yet.
- Ez currently supporting Membership role as we await resolution of conflict that Al has with MTARA duties.
- Discussed a successful Field Day in 5A category. Many bonus points including using solar power for the entire event. See ZB for more detail.
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### **Vice President's Report: Josue, KP4JLD**

- Board complimented Josue on successful Field Day. See ZB for point scores and details.

### **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. 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.

### **Treasurer's Report: Frandy, N1FJ**

- No report as Frandy finalizing bank arrangements and getting records up to date.
- **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.
- Considerable discussion on how best to conduct the November Auction and how to remove/reduce "bottlenecks" upon entry and payment.
- Speaker schedule is complete for Fall. See ZB for details.

### **Membership Report: Al, KB1VHN (Ez filling in)**

- Notices have been sent to membership announcing renewal period.
- Database of membership needs updating due to previous Membership Chair's computer crash. Work is progressing and should be remedied soon.

### **At Large: Ken, KD1KU**

- **No Report**

### **Technical: Bob, K1YO**

- Discussed development of Mentoring program. Group has been established and will initiate activities this Fall.

### **ZeroBeat: Alan, AB1XW**

- Alan looking for articles, etc for ZB

### **New Business:**

- Discussed Administrative roles related to social media (Facebook, Instagram,etc) and which Board officer(s) should be in administrative roles.
- Discussed renewed donations to Holyoke Hospital for use of meeting room and Agawam Parks & Recreation for use of Field Day site. Board agreed to both after research when last made.
- Discussed whether purchase of HCRA merchandise could be made easier by direct ordering with vendors. Ez to research with Larry, W1AST.

### **Old Business:**

- Discussed how best to approve expenditures by the Board. Amounts above \$500 must be approved by majority of members present at a meeting but recurring expenses generally approve by approval of Treasure's report. Exceptions would be individual, non-recurring expenses.

**Next Club Meeting: Friday, September 5 , 2025 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital**

**Next Board Meeting: September 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 PM**