

## HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Meeting Began 7:02 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    Membership – KB1VHN Al

### 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. Survey to be conducted to obtain club member input to choices.
- Discussed a successful Field Day in 5A category. Many bonus points including using solar power for the entire event. See ZB for more detail.
- October meeting to solicit volunteers for club activities.
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### **Vice President’s Report: Josue, KP4JLD**

- Board complimented Josue on successful Field Day. See ZB for point scores and details.
- Josue suggested letters be sent to all representatives and senators to support passage of HOA antenna issues.

### **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.
- Several suggestions were made to modify Bylaws
- Federal and State annual reports to be filed in October.
- Suggested Board consider a “retreat” to discuss club activity planning.

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

- No formal report as Frandy finalizing bank arrangements.
- Frandy working to bring records up to date.
- Suggested and agreed to make a \$500 donation to HMC for last two years of making meeting room available and a \$250 donation to Agawam Parks and Recreation for use of School Street Park for FD.
- **Financial Reports are 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 facilitate 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 completed 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.
- Discussed ways to reach out to new Hams and provide material and resources to help get them on the air as well as connecting them to mentors.

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

- Alan looking for articles, etc for ZB

### **New Business:**

- Continued discussion of how to make purchase of HCRA merchandise easier by direct ordering with vendors. Ez to research with Larry, W1AST.
- Ideas suggested to make meetings more fun. Ideas suggested included 50/50 raffles, Door prizes, swap table, free table.
- Suggestion was made to perhaps include four short, 15 minute presentations instead of one long one in future club meetings.

### **Old Business:**

- Discussion of Board yearly “To Do” list to make new members aware. Paul to send out to all members.
- Followup on Administrative Authorities for social media. Delete Twitter as no longer used. Ez to reach out to Originator of Facebook account to transfer authority.

**Next Club Meeting: Friday, October 3, 2025 at 7:30 PM at Holyoke Hospital**

**Next Board Meeting: October 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:08 PM**