

## **HCRA Club Meeting Friday, March 6, 2026 - Approved**

**President - EZ Morales called the meeting to order at 7:26pm.**

EZ welcomed everyone to the meeting..

EZ then the membership about a scam /phishing E-mail that was going around and to please not open or respond to it if received the club will not ask you for money or to get things in that manner especially gift cards.

EZ asked how many members had gone to the HR website recently?

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

President: W1AEZ – EZ M. - Present

Vice President: KP4JLD – Josue D. – Present-Zoom

Treasurer: N1FJ – Frandy J. - Present

Secretary: **Vacant** (\*Minutes taken by Brother Al)

Tech Director – K1YO – Bob M.- Present

Program Director: AA1UE – Gary T.- Present

Membership Director: KB1VNH - Brother Al - Present

Newsletter Director/Webmaster: AB1XW – Alan D.- Absent

At Large: N1CB - John B. – absent

EZ thanked Smitty for the cookies and coffee Paul is doing the QSL so please check the website Ken and Gary will be doing the 10m Nets on Monday. We'll be coordinating projects in April and March for the yagi antennas, attenuators, and fox hunting projects. We will also be looking at Digi-peaters and GMRS interest in the coming months. The HCRA elections are coming up in June and we need volunteers to step up to take on our important positions including secretary and treasurer. And if anyone has interest in other positions, please consider running.

Bob M. Any new hams in the room please talk to Bob about his mentoring class. This is also in zero beat with QR codes and it's done through an online zoom and he is working on net etiquette class how to interact on the Nets for proper protocol.

Larry K. Announced The northeast X position in Marlborough MA on Thursday there will be a magic show on Friday there will be seminars and 70 forums on Saturday along with new gear displays the flea market and much more on Sunday there will be prize drawings with over \$14,000 in prizes including a \$2500 flex radio and over 200 prizes to be awarded.

Frandy announced that he found some of the old HCRA hats and it's selling them for \$25 a piece.

The evening's presentation:

Presentation made by Ken Miller WB1DX president of Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Remote station locations to drop remote locations. Ken deals with a lot of electrical line noise, often. In a high noise environment, it's best to seek a better location such as a remote setup and this is where the system can come in handy. And from remote locations you can DX via Wi-Fi to your home. Network access doesn't require a lot of bandwidth you just need a power supply that connects to the Raspberry Pi via your phone you can link to Raspberry pi's open source in node red utilizing the app called mumble which is a voice software and server system. The club may consider doing a project in the future using this. An excellent presentation was made it will be available online.

Gary T. thanked Ken it presented him with an HCRA cup.

Announcements EZ recognized Brian Scott, The new president of MTARA.

Scotty announced that mountain Tom will be meeting in March at the Knights of Columbus in Chicopee, but starting in April they will be meeting here at the Holyoke hospital annex.

Easy thanked everyone for coming out and asked everyone to drive safely as everything was becoming slippery with the falling temperatures and possible freezing rain.

The meeting closed at 8:51 PM