

FARA Feb 27 Board Meeting via Zoom on 02-27-21 at 10:00 AM - Attendees = 9 by

W1VIV Sumner W KB1VXY John I N1MH Steve M KC1DMM Andy M
KC1LPZ Steve B KB1GMU Larry G W1EQW Jim W KB1WXL Dave M
AA1VI Richard C

Meeting Minutes:

John I. provided a list of agenda items for today's Board Meeting.

1. This item concerned helping Framingham Police Sgt Paul Patriarca – K1PMP - and his family when they lost their home in Grafton, MA and everything they own recently due to a fire. A discussion was made on the amount our Association will donate. I made a motion to have our association donate \$1,000 and was 2nd by Sumner W. A vote was taken on that motion which was rejected due a concern on whether or not our Association could afford it when COVID 19 has curtailed our fund raising activities. Other amounts were mentioned to amend that original motion and it was agreed by another amendment to table this issue for the moment during this meeting. After all remaining agenda items were discussed, a new motion was made to donate by check \$500.00 to the Framingham Police Association naming Paul Patriarca as the beneficiary. Both Larry G and Stephen B are each making a separate \$100 donation to FARA to help defray the cost to our Association. Larry G and I want our Association to receive FULL credit. (Note: According to the current FARA Bylaws, Board Meetings can authorize only up to \$500).
2. Our Scholarship fund received much discussion after deciding up to three \$500 scholarships at a maximum will be given. Again, given our income situation, I made a motion to table our Scholarship Funding for one year The vote was 5-3 in favor of a one year tabling of FARA Scholarships. (Note the Bylaws limitation of \$500)
3. A brief description was given on the history of our scholarship eligibility requirements so that we have a perspective on that issue when we resume a discussion on scholarships.
4. The Bylaws changes were discussed with a need to post the final bylaws document that has the formatting and other corrections in place. John I. will submit the current draft with revisions to Steve M who will post that on our website as a hidden file where only our members can access and review it.
5. The subject of having an outdoor gathering in May to replace our annual Pizza Party was tabled at this time We want to do it, but the logistics are not clear yet.
6. On an inventory of other the items our Association has was not resolved as we have at least a couple of locations to catalogue these items and papers.
7. When we periodically receive inquiries to accept donated equipment, we decided to handle it on a case by case basis rather than formulating a general policy.

Respectfully Submitted by –

Stephen M Babbitt – KC1LPZ Clerk/Secretary

Reviewed with slight edits by John Iwuc, KB1VXY, President