

FARA Mar Monthly Meeting via Zoom on 03-4-21 at 7:38 PM - Attendees = 23 by

W1VIV Sumner W	KB1VXY John I	N1MH Steve M	KC1DMM Andy M
KC1LPZ Steve B	K1VEA Victor A	W1BNC Mike K	K1AZE Lew N
W1RH Bob H **	N1JIW Joe W	KB1OQA Tom T	KB1GMU Larry G
KC1HPZ Glenn A	KC1NXT Richard W	W1EQW Jim W	WB9PZD Jeff A
N1WEN Bill N	K1HT David H	KV1YXL Dave M	K1NDF Neal L
AB2IX Adrian Z	WA1QYW Jeffrey O	N1UVA Robert Hess	

\*\* Presenter – W1RH Bob Hess & W1BNC Mike Keller

Meeting Minutes:

**Treasurer's Report** – 41 Paid Members so far. Annual Report filed with the State. A \$500 donation was made to the Framingham Police Association with Sgt Paul Patriarca – K1PMP – as beneficiary because he and his family lost their house and all they own due to a fire last month. Steve M also asked us to chose for the April meeting what webinar by the ARRL from a list of topics for us to select. Those results will be tabulated later after tonight's meeting and reported back to us.

**Secretary's Report** – Both the February Monthly Meeting and the Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were summarized and placed onto the FARA website. Most noteworthy from last month's meeting was the interpretation in Article 7 by 2/3 of the membership. *“.. Voting was unanimous. . . that 2/3 membership refers to meeting attendees not total Association Membership.”*

On the Board Meeting minutes a \$500 donation was approved as stated in the treasurer's report and the Scholarships for this year are tabled for one year.

**Repeater Report** – Everything working fine. The emergency bunker – FEMA – is still not accessible to us as restrictions remain in place. Thanks go to Andy M. and Glenn A. for the maintenance they do.

**Echolink Report** – It is working overall but there have been some unexplained issues with the connection, particularly with long distance stations.

**Other business** – John I. brought up the hamfest in Maine this weekend and the Ham Exposition on the weekend of March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 PM

**Presentation by W1HR Bob Hess on the History of WBZ Radio and TV**

Besides the history, particularly interesting was on the towers and antennas used that linked the various radio and TV stations in the Greater Boston area. Westinghouse owned many commercial broadcasters. Hurricanes and other serious storms presented major challenges and fascinating stories that kept us riveted to this subject. No one wanted this presentation to end. Additional thanks go to W1BNC Mike Keller who provided numerous details.

Respectfully Submitted by –

Stephen M Babbitt – KC1LPZ Clerk/Secretary