

FARA Apr Monthly Meeting via Zoom on 05-6-21 at 7:32 PM - Attendees = 19 by

W1VIV Sumner W	KB1VXY John I	N1MH Steve M	KC1DMM Andy M
KC1LPZ Steve B	K1VEA Victor A	K1AZE Lew N	WOIE Ron R
N1JIW Joe W	KC1OXG Bob B	KV1YXL Dave M	W1HNZ Bruce R
KC1HPZ Glenn A	KC1NXT Richard W	W1EQW Jim W	K1HT Dave H
AC1KT Peter M	KD2TVX Evan S	KB3ZOO Hector C	

Presenter – Ward Silver NOAX

Pre & Post Meeting Notes: John I. Introduced KD2TVX, Evan S and KB3ZOO, Hector C. Thank you both for joining and Welcome Aboard.

Meeting Minutes:

Treasurer's Report – 58 Paid Members, 7 Life Members for a total of 65. Other expenses: Purchase of more storage from Google and payment for the NE QSO Party.

Secretary's Report – The April Meeting Minutes had no further changes.

VEC Report: The City had a meeting yesterday on when City Hall will be open for us to do testing. Will follow up for their decision.

Repeater Report – Everything working okay.

Echolink Report – Working fine overall.

Other business – Bylaws changes that are and were posted on the FARA Website passed with 16 votes.

Field Day: It is a possibility we may be able to set up in the backyard of the McAuliffe Branch Library. The new Director will make a decision in early June. Otherwise we will repeat last year's FD individually.

Officer Nominations: John I President; Vacant is VP; Steve M., Treasurer and Secretary/Clerk Position is vacant as I am requesting NOT to be nominated for Secretary/Clerk office. Sumner W's term for Director ends June 2022.

Other Announcements: This Saturday, (5/8/21) at 1 PM John I. and others are planning to meet at Zippity Do Dog – near -TJ Max Hqtrs - on Speen St. for an outdoor informal gathering. All are welcome. John I. mentioned K1UVH & Group meet at Great Hill in Weymouth on Saturdays. Another event is Air Force Day starting Friday continuing to Saturday. There is the Red Cross/ARES exercise event on Saturday, 5/8 from 10-12 PM.

Another event scheduled for June 5th at N1MH -Steve M' yard – is a Pizza (Food) Party. Rain Date is Sunday, June 6th. More details at our June monthly meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 PM

Presentation by Ward Silver – NOAX – On Grounding & Bonding

Consult the AARL Handbook, the ARRL Antenna Book, the NEC Book (available in most public libraries) and refer to the ARRL website. Most significant is Bonding to even out the surge in voltage with the various electrical systems in our homes such as our radio equipment, our computers and routers, Cable/Satellite TV Systems and Telephone systems. Just grounding is not enough unless all these systems are bonded together.

Respectfully Submitted by –

Stephen M Babbitt – KC1LPZ Clerk/Secretary