

FARA January 2022 Club Meeting Minutes

FARA held its January meeting on 1/6/22 via Zoom. The president, John Iwuc KB1VXY, chaired the meeting.

John welcomed everyone. There were no new visitors or members.

Treasurer and Webmaster's Report

The treasurer and webmaster, Steve Moro N1MH, gave the report. No expenses during the month.

We are encouraging everyone to pay their 2022 dues. About two thirds of the 2021 membership has paid their 2022 dues. After January 31 only paid members will have a vote.

Steve continues to work with the accountant on the reports needed to complete our non-profit organization registration with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Progress with the accountant has been slow.

Secretary and EchoLink Maintainer's Report

The secretary and EchoLink maintainer, Andy Boughton KC1DMM, gave the report. The minutes of the December club meeting are posted on the w1fy.org web site. The club approved the December minutes.

EchoLink is mostly stable. Andy may do some additional fine tuning of the VOX threshold.

Repeater Report

The repeater trustee, Dave Miscia KB1YXL, gave the report. The repeater is working. We still are not able to access the repeater at MEMA presumably due to COVID restrictions.

Training

John Iwuc KB1VXY reported that he had attended a virtual presentation about "How to run a successful Technician License Class". Included was a brief discussion of the successful license classes run by the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. They leverage available material. Their course takes four weeks of two sessions per week and two hours per session. Their participants have a good success rate.

Stephen Babbitt KC1LPZ asked if there is any new information about access to the Framingham Municipal Building. There is no new information.

Future Meetings

Ron Rothman WO1E will give a virtual tour of his shack in the February meeting. The main meeting presentation is currently still open.

Edison Fong WB6IQN will give the March meeting presentation. Edison is on the faculty of UC Santa Cruz. His courses include RF Wireless Communication. He designed and patented four VHF/UHF antennas. His articles appeared in the March 2017, February 2003, and March 2007 editions of QST.

Tom Frenaye K1KI will give the April meeting presentation.

The May meeting presentation is open.

The June meeting will include elections and Field Day planning.

Presentation

After the conclusion of the business meeting Sumner Weisman W1VIV and Steve Moro N1MH gave a demo of slow scan TV. They completed a slow scan TV QSO in real time. Sumner also showed pictures that he had received by slow scan TV from the International Space Station.

Dave Hoaglin K1HT presented a video and led an interesting discussion about the 2009 DX Expedition to Midway Atoll.

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List of Attendees

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Steve Moro	N1MH
Stephen Babbitt	KC1LPZ
Joe Wiesenfeld	N1JIW
Ron Rothman	WO1E
Peter Morrison	AC1KY
Glenn Axelrod	KC1HPZ
John Iwuc	KB1VXY
Dave Hoaglin	K1HT
Victor Anderson	K1VEA
Jeffrey Alper	WB9PZD
Sumner Weisman	W1VIV
Dave Miscia	KB1YXL
Hector Cruz	KB3ZOO
Bruce Rusch	W1HNZ
Andy Boughton	KC1DMM
Richard Whalen	KC1NXT