

FARA March 2022 Club Meeting Minutes

FARA held its March meeting on 3/3/22 via Zoom. The president, John Iwuc KB1VXY, chaired the meeting.

John welcomed everyone. There were three visitors. Dr. Edison Fong WB6IQN, Greg Algieri WA1JXR, and Roger Wirt KI7RW.

Treasurer and Webmaster's Report

The treasurer and webmaster, Steve Moro N1MH, gave the report. We received a call from Paul Patriarca K1PMP. He got our donation and is very appreciative. We had no expenses during the month. We have 50 paid members and 7 life members. Steve filed our 2021 Form 990-N (e-Postcard) with the IRS to meet our annual filing requirement as an exempt organization. Steve continues to work with the accountant on completing our filing requirements with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

Steve has placed information about the Massachusetts Distracted Driving Law on the web site. This includes the relevant portions MGL Part 1, Title XIV, Chapter 90, Section 13, which describes the exclusion for licensed amateur radio operators. It is recommended that a mobile operator keep a copy of this text and a copy of their amateur radio license in their car.

Secretary and EchoLink Maintainer's Report

The secretary and EchoLink maintainer, Andy Boughton KC1DMM, gave the report. The minutes of the February club meeting and the February 26 board meeting are posted on the w1fy.org web site. The club approved the minutes.

Repeater Report

Dave Miscia KB1YXL, the repeater trustee, gave the report. The repeater is working.

Future Meetings

Tom Frenaye K1KI will give the April meeting presentation. Tom will likely include a discussion of the New England QSO Party.

The May meeting will be a get together at a restaurant, likely with outdoor seating. The currently proposed location is Stephen Anthony's Restaurant in Marlborough.

The June meeting will include elections and Field Day planning.

Adrian Zeffert AB2IX will give the September presentation. The title is "Test Bench for Non-Technologist Hams".

Ron Rothman WO1E will give the October presentation. The title is "Digital Contesting with FT4 and FT8". Ron will hopefully be able to share his experience from the International Digital Contest in June.

The November presentation will be on WINLINK.

Upcoming Contests

The ARRL International DX-Phone contest will be this weekend.

Other News

Adrian Zeffert AB2IX received his ARRL 40 year pin.

Presentation

After the conclusion of the business meeting Dr. Edison Fong WB6IQN gave a presentation on his dual band, VHF/UHF, J-pole antenna design. Dr. Fong gave a lively and entertaining talk that was well received.

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List of Attendees

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Steve Moro	N1MH
Joe Wiesenfeld	N1JIW
Stephen Babbitt	KC1LPZ
Victor Anderson	K1VEA
Greg Algieri	WA1JXR
Andy Boughton	KC1DMM
Dave Miscia	KB1YXL
Steve Hewlett	N4NIV
Edison Fong	WB6IQN
Peter Morrison	AC1KY
Bruce Rusch	W1HNZ
John Iwuc	KB1VXY
Sumner Weisman	W1VIV
Richard Whalen	KC1NXT
Glenn Axelrod	KC1HPZ
Jeffrey Alper	WB9PZD
Adrian Zeffert	AB2IX
Roger Wirt	KI7RW