

## **FARA April 2022 Club Meeting Minutes**

FARA held its April meeting on 4/7/22 via Zoom. The president, John Iwuc KB1VXY, chaired the meeting.

John welcomed everyone including Tom Frenaye K1KI, the evening's speaker.

### **Treasurer and Webmaster's Report**

The treasurer and webmaster, Steve Moro N1MH, gave the report. Steve filed the required Form PCs for 2020 and 2021 to the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. The expenses for the month were the Form PC filing fees and our contribution for the NE QSO Party prize plaque and dinner. On the income side, we received one member renewal.

There were no significant changes to the web page.

### **Secretary and EchoLink Maintainer's Report**

The secretary and EchoLink maintainer, Andy Boughton KC1DMM, gave the report. The minutes of the March club meeting are posted on the w1fy.org web site. Andy hopes to retire from the secretary position in June. Thus we are looking for a volunteer who is willing to take over.

EchoLink is working.

### **Repeater Report**

Dave Miscia KB1YXL, the repeater trustee, gave the report. The repeater is working. We have not heard anything more from the Boston Marathon organizers. Presumably our repeater will not be used for the Marathon.

### **Future Meetings**

A proposed club gathering at Zippity-Do-Dog on Saturday, April 9, was postponed due to the forecast of rain.

The May club meeting will be a get together at a restaurant, likely with outdoor seating. One proposed location is Stephen Anthony's Restaurant in Marlborough. However we have not made the final decision. Stephen Anthony's does not currently have outdoor dining but they may have it by June.

The June meeting will include elections and Field Day planning. We are considering possibly holding this meeting in a hybrid fashion with both in-person and Zoom participants.

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 NE Amateur Radio Community Presentations/Meetings**

John KB1VXY reported the following upcoming NE meetings. If you are interested in either, please contact John.

On Thursday 4/14/22, at 7 pm there will be a Zoom meeting to discuss different ways of holding license classes. This is a big push in the area, we need to increase the hobby and replace ourselves! Anyone interested in learning about how other groups are running license classes in efficient ways, and also is willing to participate in such classes, either with us or elsewhere, let John know.

On Wednesday 4/20/22, at 7pm, Dan Norman, NØHF, Assistant Director, New England Division Youth and STEM Outreach, will host a meeting to address this topic. Let John know if you would like to represent the club.

### **Upcoming Contests**

4-9 and 4-10, Nebraska QSO Party

4-16 and 4-17, Michigan QSO Party, Ontario QSO Party

4-17, Quebec QSO Party

4-24, North American SSB Sprint

4-30 and 5-1, Florida QSO Party

5-7 and 5-8, Indiana QSO Party, Delaware QSO Party, New England QSO Party

### **Presentation**

After the conclusion of the business meeting Tom Frenaye K1KI gave the presentation. Tom is a past director of the ARRL New England Division. He was a founder of the New England QSO Party. The presentation was primarily on the history and purpose of the New England QSO Party. The presentation was from Tom's unique perspective and was well received.

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**List of Attendees**

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Steve Moro	N1MH
Tom Frenaye	K1KI
Larry Griffin	KB1GMU
John Iwuc	KB1VXY
Victor Anderson	K1VEA
Dave Miscia	KB1YXL
Sumner Weisman	W1VIV
Peter Morrison	AC1KY
Bruce Rusch	W1HNZ
Andy Boughton	KC1DMM
Steve Hewlett	N4NIV
Adrian Zeffert	AB2IX
Richard Whalen	KC1NXT