

## **FARA May 2022 Club Meeting Minutes**

FARA held its May meeting on 5/5/22 via Zoom. The president, John Iwuc KB1VXY, chaired the meeting.

John welcomed everyone including Ron Lahti N1CNG, our newest member. Ron has an extensive background in emergency communications.

The Club approved the April meeting minutes. There was one abstention and no dissents.

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

The treasurer and webmaster, Steve Moro N1MH, gave the report. Steve has posted Sumner Weisman's N1MM+ tutorial to the web page.

There were no expenses this month. There was one new member and one membership renewal.

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

The secretary and EchoLink maintainer, Andy Boughton KC1DMM, gave the report. The April meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.

EchoLink is working.

### **Repeater Report**

Dave Miscia KB1YXL, the repeater trustee, gave the report. The repeater is working. The Boston Marathon did use our repeater. They linked it with another repeater using their own radio equipment. Glenn Axelrod KC1HPZ and Dave have done some research on adding a UHF link to our repeater. At the current time this does not seem to be worth the effort since it would likely only be used once a year for the Marathon.

### **Officer Nominations**

Richard Whalen KC1NXT was nominated for Club Secretary.

Sumner Weisman W1VIV was nominated for another three year term as Club Director.

The current President John Iwuc KB1VXY, Vice President Ron Rothman WO1E, and Treasurer Steve Moro N1MH were nominated for another one year term.

## Future Meetings

The Club gathering at Zippity-Do-Dog went well. Similar Zippity-Do-Dog gatherings will likely be arranged in the coming months.

The June meeting will include elections and Field Day planning. We are currently planning to hold this meeting in a hybrid fashion with both in-person and Zoom participants. The meeting will be held in the Costin Room of the Main Framingham Public Library. The MEETING WILL START AT 7:00PM since we need to finish by 8:45pm.

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.

## Discussion

After the conclusion of the business meeting Dave Miscia KB1YXL and Sumner Weisman W1VIV led a discussion of the Club's plans for Field Day. We discussed possible locations. The Framingham Public Library has not yet approved our request to use the grounds of the McAuliffe Branch Library. Ron Lahti N1CNG said that the Crow Island Airport might be an option. John Iwuc KB1VXY and Bruce Rush W1HNZ indicated that their yards might be backup locations. We will do more research on the options. We also discussed the equipment needed for Field Day.

#####

## List of Attendees

#####

Steve Moro	N1MH
Joe Wiesenfeld	N1JIW
Ron Rothman	WO1E
Glenn Axelrod	KC1HPZ
Victor Anderson	K1VEA
Andy Boughton	KC1DMM
John Iwuc	KB1VXY
Sumner Weisman	W1VIV
Stephen Babbitt	KC1LPZ
Ron Lahti	N1CNG
Richard Whalen	KC1NXT
Adrian Zeffert	AB2IX
Dave Miscia	KB1YXL
Bruce Rusch	W1HNZ