

Regular FARA Monthly General Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2023
Falmouth Fire and Rescue EOC Meeting Room

President Ralph N1YHS, called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Roll Call: The following Thirty Five (35) members were present:

In Person:

Twenty Six (26) members were present: President Ralph N1YHS, Secretary Charlie K1CB, Treasurer Doug N1OEI, Jay WB4KYW, Geoff W1OH, Marinna W1FX, Jim WA1GPO, Jeremy WA1JRC, Lee NQ1L, Henry K1WCC, George N1GJ, Gene KX1C, Mel KC1ELB, Alden K1IZB, Chris WA1CMR, Dan KC1-GOQ, Helen N1HVB, Harold N1ZTV, Earl W1EEB, Randy KC1RZR, Don N1JCT, Wayne KC1RZZ, Tim W1TCD, Fred N1BCN, Tom KC1RZX and Dave KC1RZU.

On zoom:

Nine (9) members signed it: Chuck W1GUR, Phil N1DOS, Lyn N1LYN, Ken W1KAW, Fred N1TF, Martha K1VJ, Jim KB1PEP, Tom N1EZL, and Al N1MF.

Executive Board Members Absent: Glen KC1GKT

President Ralph N1YHS declared a quorum present.

•**Secretary:** Charlie K1CB reported that the minutes for December 15, 2022, were distributed via email and posted on the FARA website. Chris WA1CMR moved that they be accepted.

Seconded by Jeremy WA1JRC.

Motion passed unanimously.

Program: none

Report of Officers:

Treasurer: Doug N1OEl reported for 1 DEC 2022 to 31 DEC 2022 as follows:

Opening Balance \$14,372.37

Income

General Income	\$1,430.88
Interest	\$ 0.09
Donations	\$ 0.00
Sale of Equipment	\$ 0.00

Total \$1,430.97

Expenses

Post office \$0.00
Office Supplies \$0.00
Approved Expenses \$801.62
Total \$801.62

Closing Balance \$15,001.72

President's Report

Ralph N1YHS announced:

- Our next FARA in person/Zoom meeting is on Saturday, February 25,2023 at 9:30 AM. More information will follow.
- Set-up for Winter Field Day will begin after the meeting today at Marine Park on Scranton Avenue, Falmouth.
- 2 Meter Net:** Don N1JCT said “the net has been averaging 4-6 check-ins. All is going well.

The Monday night net is used for general topics: conversations, club news, information, and upcoming events and flea markets, along with reviewing FARA's minutes and various ham and non-ham related information. Anyone, mobile, portable or home station, is welcome to check into the net. The net is held on every Monday evening at 7:30 PM on the club's K1RK 2 Meter repeater. The

repeater has a frequency of 146.655 MHz with a negative offset of 0.6 MHz and PL tone of 88.5. All hams are welcome. Feel free to jump in as net control if the net does not open at 7:30 PM. If the repeater ever develops a problem, please QSY to the simplex frequency of 146.655 MHz.

•**6 Meter Net**—With repeater problems, the net will be cancelled until further notice.

•**ARRL VE Session:** Lee NQ1L reported that the VE session was held on January 14th at Falmouth Fire Headquarters. We had 0 candidates.

FARA's VE Sessions are held at 9:00 AM every 2nd Saturday of the month. The location is the Falmouth Fire and Rescue EOC Meeting Room, 2nd floor. Please contact ARRL VE chairperson Lee NQ1L at nq1l38@gmail.com if you have any questions.

•**Membership Chair:** Membership Chair Lee NQ1L moved Todd Bergquist KC1SFG of Mashpee, MA be accepted into FARA. Seconded by Jeremy WA1JRC.
Motion passed unanimously.

•**Membership Chair:** Lee NQ1L reported that zero (0) potential candidate(s) for membership submitted a written application to this corporation and this is the first meeting after such application has been received.

Lee NQ1L reported a total FARA membership of 182 members for 2022.

All FARA communications are conducted via email. Please notify Lee NQ1L of any changes to your email address and especially when you pay your FARA dues. His email address is nq1l38@gmail.com.

Membership Chair: Lee NQ1L reminded everyone dues was due on January 1, 2023. On February 1, 2023 the membership list will be purged to properly reflect the paid membership.

The membership stands a 164.

Dues payable via FARA's website under the membership tab or by USPS mail to: FARA PO Box 815 West Falmouth, MA 02574

•**Publicity: No Report**

•**Web Master:** Larry W11ZZ has been keeping the FARA website up to date. The membership expressed their appreciation for all his work.

•**FALMOUTH ARES:** Charlie K1CB reported possibly in March, the hospital ARES members may meet on the first Saturday of the month in the Maternity Conference room near the Lilly Lobby at 10 AM for the hospital exercise, and on the 2nd Thursday of the odd numbered months (except May) at 7 PM, also in the Maternity Conference room near the Lilly Lobby. All are welcome.

Henry K1WCC reminded everyone that the Cape Cod ARES 2 m net is held every Wednesday at 8 PM on the Barnstable 146.955/-0.6 MHz, PL - 88.5 repeater.

Henry K1WCC also invited everyone to join the upper Cape ARES net. The net meets on the third Thursday evening of every month on the simplex frequency of 146.580 MHz at 8 PM.

Henry K1WCC reported that Frank WQ1O will hold an ARES Winter Exercise called “Winter Wipeout” on February 4, 2023 starting at 10 AM. Home operator stations will be of value in this exercise and stations will communicate with the Net Control site and field units within their range. Please join in on 2 m or HF.

Primary Tactical NET: 146.580 Primary FM Simplex

Secondary Simplex 2m: 147.465 FM Simplex

440 MHz simplex: 446.000

6m FM simplex: 52.540 MHz

Primary 75m HF Operations: 3930 kHz (LSB)

Primary 60m HF Operations: 5330.5 kHz (USB), fall back to 5371.5 kHz if needed.

VHF Winlink: W1SGL-10 RMS station on 145.090 MHz Barnstable.

WA3SWJ-10 RMS station on 145.030 MHz Brewster

HF Winlink: See www.winlink.org website

Echo-link: New-England 3 9123 node

Local Cape District 75m HF: 3950 kHz (LSB)

HF/VHF Winlink (*Possible add in TBA*)

Henry K1WCC and his team will be operating from the Falmouth field site (lower parking lot at Falmouth Hospital). They will operate 2m FM simplex and Winlink VHF. They may also have HF operational.

FARA is always looking for members to join the ARES group.

•**Quartermaster:** President Ralph N1YHS reported that the handle on the doors to FARA's storage container at the Falmouth Field Grounds was broken off and the container was entered. A step ladder, dipole antennas and 1000 feet of 50 Ohm orange cable was taken. The cable replacement cost is about \$1500. A report with Falmouth Police has been filled and Ralph is looking into our insurance policy. President Ralph N1YHS is also looking into acquiring replacement cable at a reasonable price.

•**K1RK Repeaters:** all appear to be operating properly but the Fusion repeater still needs an internet connection.

2 m K1RK (146.655/-0.6 MHz, PL - 88.5)

2 m DMR K1RK (145.2000/-0.600 MHz) 927.850 MHz

K1RK (Input: 902.0625 (-25.775 MHz) PL 88.5

The DMR repeater has been temporarily moved to Falmouth from Bourne.

•**Club Shack: No Report**

•**Field Day 2021:** Henry K1WCC will start holding Field Day Committee meetings very soon.

•**Falmouth Road Race:** Barry KB1TLR earlier reported the Falmouth Road Race is on August 20, 2023. Save the date!

•**Cape Cod Marathon:** Barry KB1TLR earlier reported the Cape Cod Marathon is on October 7 & 8, 2023. Save the date!

•**FARAFest:** Scheduled for November 4, 2023. The date has been reserved with the school and the ARRL has been notified. Don N1JCT and Ralph N1YHS are working on the necessary paperwork.

•**Nominating Committee:** Chairperson Henry K1WCC moved the following slate of officers.

Officers		Board Of Directors	
President	Chris WA1CMR	Geoff	W1OH
Vice President:	Jermey WA1JRC	Marinna	W1HF
Secretary	Charlie K1CB	Randy	KC1RZR
Treasurer	Doug N1OEI	Ralph	N1YHS
		Dan	KC1GOQ

Seconded by Harold N1ZTV.

President Ralph N1YHS asked for nominations from the Floor.

Hearing none, President Ralph N1YHS declared the nominations closed and directed the Secretary, Charlie K1CB, to record one vote in the minutes and declared that the motion passed unanimously.

•**Audit Committee:** President Ralph N1YHS asked for volunteers to work on the financial records for 2022. Gene KX1C and Tim W1TCD stepped forward and volunteered to work with Treasurer Doug N1OEI on the financial records.

•**Special Committee Reports:**

1) **Emergency Communications Trailer Committee:** The signage is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2023.

2) **Holiday Get Together:**

•**Old Business:**

•**New Business:**

1) Henry K1WCC moved that FARA purchase a replacement 8 foot step ladder. Maximum cost \$200. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

2) On behalf of the Executive Board, Secretary Charlie K1CB moved the updated 2023 FARA Calendar based on the membership input during the December 2022 meeting. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

•**For the Good of the Order:**

- 1) Henry K1WCC reported that the “**New Year’s Day Get Together**” was held as planned and all that attended enjoyed the event.
- 2) Mel KC1ELB volunteered to organize the purchase of FARA hats. Minimum order for hats is 12. Cost with FARA Logo is \$17 and \$5 extra to add a call sign. His email is mttfish@meganet.net Mel KC1ELB will be taking orders.

Other items (with the FARA patch and possibly callsigns) from [Advanced Embroidery](#) are available. Their address is 38 Plant Rd, Hyannis, MA 02601 (508) 778-6516. Also available, are long and short sleeve Tee shirts, vests, jackets, etc. You can stop in and order items, anytime you are in Hyannis. Identify yourself as a FARA member.

A motion to adjourn was made by Fred N1BCN. Seconded by Jay WB4KYW. Motion passed unanimously at ??? AM.

Minutes submitted by Charlie K1CB, Secretary