

## Regular FARA Monthly Meeting Minutes May 28, 2021 Zoom meeting

President Larry W1IZZ called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Twenty six (26) members were counted by the Zoom software or members sent an email to Charlie K1CB: Larry W1IZZ, Mel KC1ELB, Charlie K1CB, Geoff W1OH, Jay WB4KYW, Ralph N1YHS, Marinna W1FX, Lee NQ1L, George N1GJ, Don N1JCT, Barry KB1TLR, Phil KB1DOS, Henry K1WCC, Harold N1ZTV, Gene KX1C, Alden K1IZB, Chuck W1GUR, Earl W1EEB, Dave WA1RC, Al N1MF, Herb AK1V, George K1GRH, Mike KC1MUU, Rob W1RDX, grammy, 1 508-648-0754, and one guest Phillip KC1JNU.

Executive Board Members Absent: Glen KC1GKT, and Doug N1OEI.

President Larry W1IZZ declared a quorum present.

•**Secretary:** Secretary Charlie K1CB reported that the minutes for April 30,2021 were distributed via email and posted on the FARA website. Gene KX1C moved that they be accepted. Seconded by Harold N1ZTV. Motion passed unanimously.

**Program:** Dave WA1RC discussed “the Raspberry Pi and Ham Radio” Dave WA1RC also provided a link if you missed the meeting or would like to review it again. <https://prezi.com/view/IxRsaDdlKwEp9oZfx7bS/>

### Reports of Officers:

•**Treasurer:** Doug N1OEI

• **President** Larry W1IZZ announced:

•Our next FARA Zoom meeting is on Thursday, June 17, at 7:00 PM. More information will follow.

•Wound Warrior event went very well this year with a number of FARA members assisting in the event.

•**2 Meter Net**—no report

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 welcomed 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**—Please check in to the 6-meter net. This net is held every Wednesday at 7 PM on Barnstable's 53.010 MHz repeater. Brian W1HXN is net control. The repeater has a negative 1.0 MHz offset with a PL tone of 173.8. Gene KX1C reported that there were 4-check-ins.

•**10 Meter Net**—Jim's WA1GPO's daily 10 meter net on 28.411 MHz at 11 AM will resume in the fall of 2021.

•**900 MHz K1RK repeater**— Please key up and use FARA's 900 MHz K1RK repeater anytime especially on every Thursday. FARA's K1RK 927.850 MHz has an input of 902.0625 (-25.775 MHz) and of PL 88.5.

•**ARRL VE Session:** Chairperson Lee NQ1L reported that the last testing session was held on May 8, 2021. The VE session was held at Forestdale Church. We had zero (0) candidates.

The next testing session is scheduled for June 12, 2021.

FARA's VE Sessions are held at 9:00 AM every 2nd Saturday of the month. The location is **usually** the basement of the Falmouth Town Hall but because of the Covid 19 the new location is the Forestdale Church on route 130. Please contact ARRL VE chairperson Lee NQ1L at nq1l38@gmail.com if you have any questions.

**•Membership Chair:**

Lee NQ1L reported that one (1) potential candidate(s) for membership submitted a written application to this corporation and this is the first meeting after such application has been received. He is James Gallagher N1ODE of Forestdale, MA.

Lee NQ1L moved that Jonathan Henry KD9GBT of Urbana, IL and Donald Dooner KC1NJO of Rockland, MA. be accepted into FARA. Larry W1IZZ seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Lee NQ1L reported “that 2021 membership count of 155 stands because of the recent deaths of two members, Saul K1BI and Alan K1AMJ”.

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 nq1i38@gmail.com

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

**•Publicity:** Matt KB1MLP—Larry W1IZZ will send information to Matt KB1MLP for publication.

**•Web Master:** Larry W1IZZ reported that the web site has been converted and it looks good.

**•FALMOUTH ARES:** Charlie K1CB reported that the Falmouth Hospital is now starting to loosen up on its restrictions on volunteers.

If possible, the hospital ARES members meet on the first Saturday of the month in the Maternity Conference room near the Lilly Lobby at 10 AM for the hospital exercise, as well as on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 reported that ARES members supported the annual wounded warriors event and the Westport event is scheduled to take place.

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 in on his upper Cape ARES net frequency of 146.580 MHz at 8 PM. The net meets on the third Thursday evenings of every month.

Mel KC1ELB invited everyone to join in on his new upper Cape ARES net simplex frequency of 446.250 MHz simplex after the 2 m simplex net. The net meets on the third Thursday evenings of every month approx. at 8:30 PM.

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

•**Quartermaster:** Ralph N1YHS has finalized the list of materials of the club inventory and we are in good shape record keeping wise.

•**K1RK Repeaters:** all appear to be operating properly but the 2 m Fusion repeater still needs an internet connections. President Larry W1IZZ and the Executive Board decided to return the DStar repeater to Dick K1MGH.

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

•**Club Shack:** no change.

•**Field Day 2021:** •Doug N1OEI sent “Proof of Insurance” to the administration at the Morse Pond School in Falmouth for the use of their grounds during Field Day. The club may look into securing some tents for the event. Larry W1IZZ has the banners.

•Jim KC1KM will supply his grill, generators for Field day and along with Charlie K1CB, will cook breakfast for all those present on Sunday, morning.

•Larry W1IZZ will organize a zoom meeting for those who are interested in organizing the Field Day 2021 operations.

•Last year, Larry W1IZZ did a noise study of the Field Day grounds which indicated it was acceptable for radio operations but will double check again for this year's Field Day.

•**Falmouth Road Race:** Barry KB1TLR reported that the race will be held on August 15 and the race directors received permission from the town but there is a limit of 8,000 runners. A virtual race will also be held. **Volunteers will be needed.** More information will follow.

•**Cape Cod Marathon:** Barry KB1TLR reported that no additional information has received the group.

•**FARAFest:** Ralph N1YHS and Don N1JCT reserved the Upper Cape Tech for November 6, 2021. The ARRL has been notified of the date.

•**Nominating Committee:** (no officers) to be formed later in the year

•**Audit Committee:** President Larry W1IZZ will share the committee's report with the Executive Committee in April and report to the membership later on in the month. (no officers)

## **Special Committee Reports:**

•**Emergency Communications Trailer Committee:** Chairperson Ralph N1YHS plans are to have it ready for Field Day 2021. Next step in to finalize the wording that will be used on the trailer.

•**Holiday Get Together:** committee formed later in the year

•**Old Business:** none

•**New Business:** none

•**For the Good of the Order:**

•Henry K1WCC reported he heard rumors that Fair Grounds might be covered with solar panels with might prevent FARA from using the fair grounds for future field day events.

- Lee NQ1L reported the FARA's VE committee decided to donate the excess monies (\$169) to the trailer fund. The money was received from the ARRL for operating expenses of past VE sessions.
- Barry KB1TLR reported that he was interviewed by Falmouth's FCTV station concerning Field Day 2021. They also expressed interest in a follow-up meeting.
- President Larry W1IZZ reported that the Pacific area was open to Massachusetts recently.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ralph N1HYS. Seconded by Don N1JCT. Motion passed unanimously at 7:59 PM.

Minutes submitted by Charlie K1CB, Secretary