

Regular FARA Monthly General Meeting

Minutes July 28, 2022

Falmouth Fire and Rescue EOC Room

President Larry W1IZZ called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A Zoom meeting was also made available to FARA members.

Twenty (20) members were present: President Larry W1IZZ, Charlie K1CB, Geoff W1OH (zoom), Jay WB4KYW, Lee NQ1L, Mel KC1ELB, George N1GJ, Henry K1WCC, Chuck W1GUR (zoom), Don N1JCT, Mike KC1HKW, Chris WA1MCR, Helen N1HVB, Paul K1COD, Gene KX1C, Barry KB1TLR, Andrew KC1QBR, Earl W1EEB (zoom), Mike K1MUU (zoom), Tom N1EZL (zoom), Chuck W1GUR (zoom) and two guests, Paul N1MZO and Rob K1UI (zoom).

Executive Board Members Absent: Doug N1OEI, Ralph N1YSH, Marina N1FX, and Glen KC1GKT.

President Larry W1IZZ declared a quorum present.

•**Secretary:** Secretary Charlie K1CB reported that the minutes for July 28, 2022, were distributed via email and posted on the FARA website. Gene KX1C moved that they be accepted.
Seconded by Don N1JCT. Motion passed unanimously.

Program:

•**Treasurer:**

Reports of Officers: Larry W1IZZ announced:

•Our next FARA in person and possibly Zoom meeting is on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM. More information will follow.

•Field Day went well, FARA made 1310 contacts on 80 m, 40 m, and 20 m. Total points were 3570 points. We had a good crew and good food.

•Jon, N1ILZ submitted the following to the Massachusetts Newsletter:

Amateur Radio Association of MA had a fantastic FD setup, featuring their mobile radio trailer, set up in the baseball field of a local school. The trailer is powered by a generator and features three operating stations and station coverage from "DC to daylight."

HF and 6m are supported by a separate antenna setups; VHF, UHF and higher frequencies are supported by antennas mounted on the trailer. Congrats to FARA for a fantastic emergency setup, which can be set up and operational in 2 hours or less!" (Jon, N1ILZ)

•He followed up on our grant application grant to the the Amateur Radio Digital Communications [ARDC] which is a non-profit public corporation that awards sizable grants to further amateur radio goals. The ARDC is reviewing our \$27,000 grant for equipment for our new Emergency Vehicle.

•There will be a Ham Booth at The Eastern States Exposition (The Big E), Sept 16 - Oct 2, 2022. The Big E is America's Premier Exposition and world's only multi-state fair, representing all six New England States. Volunteers are still needed to man the booth. Some compensation can be expected.

•The MS Walk will be held September 9-11, 2022. There are about 6 locations in Falmouth where ham radio operators will be needed.

•**2 Meter Net**— Don N1JCT reported that all is going well. There were 4-5 check-in lately.

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 Ralph's N1HYS 53.010 MHz repeater in Barnstable, MA. Jon N1ILZ will be filling in for Brian W1HXN who is recuperating at home. The repeater has a negative 1.0 MHz offset with of PL tone of 173.8.

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

•**ARRL VE Session:** Lee NQ1L reported that the VE session for July 9, 2022 was held at Forestdale Church. They had 2 candidates. They were FARA member Andrew Maffei (KC1QBR) upgrading to General Class and pending member Nick Winship earned his Technician license.

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:** Membership Chair Lee NQ1L moved that 2 members be accepted into FARA: They are Virginia Apel (Non Ham) and Daniel Smith (KC1RKT). Barry KB1YLR seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

•**Membership Chair:** Lee NQ1L reported that two (2) potential candidate(s) for membership submitted a written application to this corporation and this is the first meeting after such application has been received. They will be voted upon at our next meeting. They are: Nick Winship KC1RPB of Buzzards Bay and Paul Godfrey N1MZO a previous member from East Falmouth.

Lee NQ1L reported a total FARA membership of 168 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.

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

•**Publicity:** An article appeared in the Falmouth Enterprise announcing Field Day.

•**Web Master:** President Larry W1IZZ reported that he made a slideshow of all the photos members sent in. Also, there was a sign number visits to our website, 678, to be exact, both foreign and stateside.

•**FALMOUTH ARES:** Charlie K1CB received permission to start to holding ARES meetings again at the hospital. All members have paperwork to complete concerning covid vaccinations and all must repeat their CORI check with the state of Massachusetts.

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 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 and Mel KC1ELB also reported on Winlink Thursday "a network of amateur radio and authorized government-licensed stations that provide worldwide radio email using radio pathways where the internet is not present".

Henry K1WCC also invited everyone to join in on 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.

After the 2 m net, Mel KC1ELB invited everyone to join his upper Cape ARES simplex net with a frequency of 446.250 MHz. The net also meets

on the third Thursday evenings of every month approx. at 8:30 PM.

Henry also reported that Frank WQ1O is planning an ARES exercise on August 6th. The 2m simplex starts around 10:30 AM on the 146.58 MHz frequency. All members are encouraged to participate and check in as a home station.

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

•**Quartermaster:**

•**K1RK Repeaters:** all appear to be operating properly but the 2 m 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

•**Club Shack:**

•**Field Day 2021:**

•**Falmouth Road Race:** Barry KB1TLR is still looking for volunteers for the Falmouth Race on August 21, 2022. Everyone must register on line by August 6th on the Falmouth Road Race websites. If you have any questions please email him at timefliestoo@gmail.com

•**Cape Cod Marathon:** keep open 1st weekend in October

•**FARAFest:**

•**Nominating Committee:**

•**Audit Committee:**

Special Committee Reports:

•**Emergency Communications Trailer Committee:**

•**Holiday Get Together:**

•**Old Business:**

•**New Business:**

•**For the Good of the Order:**

- Henry K1WCC suggested that it might be a good idea if FARA started a small Field Day committee in January every year. They could start the ball rolling on Field Day preparations and recommend assignments etc.
- Mel KC1ELB reported that on September 27th, that there will be a Falmouth CERT training session held at the Falmouth Fire and Rescue EOC Room if anyone is interested. Mel KC1ELB may be reached at mtlfish@meganet.net
- Barry KB1TLR relayed his problems with Cushcraft (now MFJ) and the antenna parts/instructions they send vs what should have sent.

A motion to adjourn was made by Henry K1WCC. Seconded by Mel KC1ELB. Motion passed unanimously at 7:34 PM.

Minutes submitted by Charlie K1CB, Secretary