

## Regular FARA Monthly Meeting Minutes April 30, 2021 Zoom meeting

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

Twenty four (24) 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, Lee NQ1L, George N1GJ, Don N1JCT, Barry KB1TLR, Phil KB1DOS, Nelson W1CN, Henry K1WCC (WPE1EXZ), Scott KE1CN, Harold N1ZTV, Gene KX1C, Alden K1IZB, Rob N2KTC, Alan WM1N, BILL W1WH, BOB KA1EAZ, ALAN K1AMJ, AND JASON W5IPA.

Executive Board Members Absent: Glen KC1GKT, Doug N1OEI, and Marinna W1FX

President Larry W1IZZ declared a quorum present.

•**Secretary:** Secretary Charlie K1CB reported that the minutes for March 25, 2021 were distributed via email and posted on the FARA website. Barry KB1TLR moved that they be accepted. Seconded by Henry K1WCC. Motion passed unanimously.

**Program:** Henry K1WCC discussed “AM DX ing” in his program “Tales of a Mis Spent youth.”

### **Reports of Officers:**

•**Treasurer: Doug N1OEI**

• **President Larry W1IZZ announced:**

•Our next FARA Zoom meeting is on Thursday, May 27, at 7:00 PM. More information will follow.

•[New England QSO Party](#) is May 1-2, 2021 (4pm EDT Saturday until 1am EDT Sunday). Lots of fun, don't miss it.

•All operators are required to complete an FCC RF Exposure analysis.

## Standing Committee Reports:

•**2 Meter Net**— Alan WM1N reported everything is going well. Only a few check-ins lately. This is typical of the warmer months.

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 6-7 check-ins.

•**10 Meter Net**—Please join Jim's WA1GPO's daily 10 meter net on 28.411 MHz. Check in at 11 AM and join the chat group.

•**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 April's testing session was held on April 11, 2021. The VE session was held at Forestdale Church. We had three (3) candidates, 1 upgrade to Extra Class and 2 new Techs.

The next testing session is scheduled for May 8, 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 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 are Jonathan Henry KD9GBT of Urbana, IL and Donald Dooner KC1NJO of Rockland, MA.

Lee NQ1L reported “that 2021 membership count of 155.”

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:** Matt KB1MLP

•**Web Master:** Larry W1IZZ reported that the web site is being moved because Google stop supporting some web sites. He is moving the website to Word Press, great site, free for non profits. Larry W1IZZ is aware that some spam was sent to FARA members.

•**FALMOUTH ARES:** Charlie K1CB reported that the Falmouth Hospital is still off limits to all 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 9 Cape Cod ARES members along with some Falmouth CERTS volunteered at the Falmouth Fair Grounds during the recent Covid 19 vaccine program.

Henry K1WCC announced that Cape Cod ARES will be holding an exercise on May 8, 2021.

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 our club inventory for insurance purposes. He will forward the list to Larry W1IZZ.

•**K1RK Repeaters:** all appear to be operating properly but the 2 m Fusion and the 2 m DStar repeaters need internet connections. Larry is working on an internet connection for the DStar repeater. More information will follow.

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, still exploring possible sites but there may be light at the end of the tunnel.

•**Field Day 2021:** Larry W1IZZ reported that he secured the Morse Pond School for Field Day in June, just in case Massachusetts open up. Also, the ARRL has changed the rules dealing with the maximum power home stations can use. The club hopes to have the trailer ready by then. More information will follow.

•**Falmouth Road Race:** Barry KB1TLR reported that the race will be held on August 15 pending the race directors receiving permission from the town. A virtual race will also be held. **Volunteers will be needed.** More information will follow.

•**Cape Cod Marathon:** Barry KB1TLR reported that no decision has been made yet by the race committee.

•**FARAFest:** Ralph N1YHS and Don N1JCT reserved the Upper Cape Tech for November 6, 2021 just in case the virus crisis passes.

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

•**Audit Committee:** no report

## **Special Committee Reports:**

•**Emergency Communications Trailer Committee:** Chairperson Ralph N1YHS shared a power point presentation with the group. His plans are to have it ready by Field Day 2021.

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

•**Old Business:** none

•**New Business:** none

•**For the Good of the Order:**

•Ralph will be replacing the noisy 375 repeater antenna with a new 22 foot long trombone style antenna that has less gain.

•A scaled down Wounded Warrior event will be held on May 21,2021.

• Mel KC1ELB enjoyed Henry's K1WCC talk and is looking for other club members to step forward.

•Scott KE1CN reported he is trying to secure his mother's call sign N1VOA.

A motion to adjourn was made by Henry K1WCC    Seconded by Harold N1ZTV.        Motion passed unanimously at 7:52 PM.

Minutes submitted by Charlie K1CB, Secretary