

Regular FARA Monthly General Meeting
Minutes December 15, 2022
Falmouth Fire and Rescue EOC Meeting Room

President Ralph N1YHS, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Roll Call: Thirty (30) members were present: President Ralph N1YHS, Secretary Charlie K1CB, Jay WB4KYW, Jim WA1GPO, Lee NQ1L, Henry K1WCC, George N1GJ, Peter W1UU, Gene KX1C, Mel KC1ELB, Paul N1MZO, Paul K1COD, Barbara N1BOG, Alden K1IZB, Al N1MF, Tom KC1RZX, Virginia KC1RZW, Bill KC1RZY, John KC1SAT, Chris WA1CMR, Barry KB1TLR, Rob K1UI, Dan KC1GOQ, and one guest Bill Kramer, On zoom: Harold N1ZTV, Chuck W1GUR, Mike W1MLL, Phil N1DOS, Alan W1MN, Dick W1SIL and Fred N1BCN.

Executive Board Members Absent: Treasurer Doug N1OEI, Marinna W1FX, Glen KC1GKT, and Geoff W1OH.

President Ralph N1YHS declared a quorum present.

•**Secretary:** Charlie K1CB reported that the minutes for Minutes November 19, 2022, were distributed via email and posted on the FARA website. Al W1MF moved that they be accepted.

Seconded by Gene KX1C. Motion passed unanimously.

Program: Members were invited to share some item or story about how they became interested in Amateur Radio. The following 8 members participated: Ralph N1YHS, Peter W1UU, Jim WA1GPO, Jay KB4KYW, Bill Kramer, Henry K1WCC, Chris WA1CMR and Barry KB1TLR.

Report of Officers:

Ralph N1YHS announced:

•Our next FARA in person/Zoom meeting is on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM. More information will follow.

•Ralph is working on selecting a small electronics project that all interested members could build. Paul N1MZO suggested a crystal radio.

•**2 Meter Net**— K1CB relayed a phone message from Don N1JCT. Don N1JCT said “the net has been averaging 4-6 check-ins. All is going well. All members reported noise on the repeater.

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 N1YHS 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.

•**ARRL VE Session:** Lee NQ1L reported that the December 10th VE session was held, for the **last** time, at the Forestdale Church. They had two (2) candidates for the Technician's Exam. Only (1) passed.

Lee NQ1L reported that the committee processed 50 exams during 2022.

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 Paul Gaffney (W9PJG) of Cataumet, MA be accepted into FARA. Seconded by Paul N1M-ZO.
Motion passed unanimously.

•**Membership Chair:** Lee NQ1L reported that one (1) potential candidate(s) for membership submitted a written application to this corporation and this is the and meeting after such application has been received. He is Todd Bergquist KC1SFG of Mashpee, MA.

Lee NQ1L reported a total FARA membership of 182 members for 2022. Silent Keys (SK) reduced FARA membership by 9 during this past year.

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 are due on January 1, 2023. On February 1, 2023 the membership list will be purged to properly reflect the paid membership.

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 when 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 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.

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

•**Quartermaster:** President Ralph N1YHS reported that the 25 Ampere power supply has been sold.

•**K1RK Repeaters:** All appear to be operating properly but the Fusion repeater still needs an internet connection. Ralph N1YHS is aware of the problems with the hot-spot on the DMR repeater, along with a high SWR. Sheriff Cummings will purchase 3 new 2 meter antennas for the Bourne (FARA) DMR repeater, Harwich 2 meter repeater and the Truro 2 meter repeater, all of which have failing antennas. Sheriff Cummings also agreed to replace the failing 220 MHz antenna in Harwich.

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 update

•**Field Day 2023:** Henry K1WCC will start to hold Field Day Committee meetings after the holidays.

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

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

•**FARAFest:** Scheduled for November 4, 2023

•**Nominating Committee:** Chairperson Henry K1WCC reported that even though he was Chairperson of this committee before, he had a difficult time getting FARA members to volunteer for an office. As of now, the Office of President is open. The following members have volunteered to serve during the 2023 year.

Henry K1WCC moved the following slate of officers:

Officers		Board Of Directors	
President	Open	Geoff	W1OH
Vice President:	Jermey WA1JRC	Marinna	W1FX
Secretary	Charlie K1CB	Chris	WA1CMR
Treasurer	Doug N1OEI	Randy	KC1RZR
		Ralph	N1YHS

Seconded by Gene KX1C. Discussion Motion passed unanimously.

•**Audit Committee:** to be appointed after the January election.

•**Special Committee Reports:**

1) Emergency Communications Trailer Committee: The signage is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2023. Presently, it is located on Joint Base Cape Cod. FARA expects to house the trailer at the new Falmouth Fire Station on Sandwich Road.

2) Holiday Get Together: December – January year end event was discussed but no decision was made.

•**Old Business:** On behalf of the Executive Board, Secretary Charlie K1CB moved the 2023 FARA Calendar. It follows calendars from the past years except that the FARA VE testing sessions will be held at the Falmouth Fire and Rescue EOC Meeting Room starting next year.

Discussion

Motion passed unanimously.

•**New Business:**

•**For the Good of the Order:**

1) Henry K1WCC announced that there will be another “**New Year’s Day Get Together**”. An old tradition where FARA members and their guests gathered together on January 1st at a local restaurant, for a New Year's Breakfast. This year we will meet at Persey’s Restaurant at 8 AM. Persey’s, Restaurant is part of the “The Inn on the Square” and is located near the corner of Depot Ave, on the way to Woods Hole. The address is 40 North Main St., Route 28, Falmouth, MA 02540. There is plenty of parking along the side of the hotel. If you plan to attend, **please contact Henry at k1wcc@comcast.net** It's informal, just come if you can. If enough people show up, we might be able to get them to push some tables together again. **Remember to RSVP**

2) The Executive Board discussed outdoor locations for get togethers. FARA would like to plan a cookout at the “daily camp” site on Route 6A (Sandwich Rd) between the bridges in September. Goodwill Park could be a backup location.

3) Winter Field day is scheduled for January 28 & 29. Depending on the weather, FARA could park the trailer at Goodwill Park and take part in the exercise. More information will follow.

4) Barry KB1TLR also brought to everyone's attention an On-Line Extra Class program for those that would like to upgrade from General or Advance. Here is the link to the signup form: <https://forms.gle/8EwewPz9sWRC3eR8A>

5) Mel KC1ELB volunteered to organize the purchase of FARA hats. Other items (with the FARA patch and possibly callsigns) from [Advanced Embroidery](#) 38 Plant Rd, Hyannis, MA 02601 (508) 778-6516 are available. Early next year, Mel KC1ELB will be taking orders. 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.

6) President Ralph N1YHS opened up for discussion the starting times and dates of our meetings. With FARA members getting older, driving at night is something many people would like to avoid. After a discussion, members present thought it would be better having our meetings during the colder months on Saturdays starting at 9:30 AM. When the daylight hours are longer, we will continue with our normal Thursday meetings at 7:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gene KX1C. Seconded by George N1GJ. Motion passed unanimously at 8:23 PM.

Minutes submitted by Charlie K1CB, Secretary