

Falmouth Amateur Radio Association Board of Directors Zoom Meeting August 12, 2021

President Larry W1IZZ called FARA's August 12, 2021 Board of Directors Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The following Board members were present: Larry W1IZZ, Mel KC1ELB, Charlie K1CB, Doug N1OEI, Jay WB4KYW, and Marinna W1FX.

Absent: Lee NQ1L, Geoff W1OH, Glen KC1GKT, and Ralph N1YHS.

President Larry W1IZZ declared a quorum present.

•Reports of Officers:

•**Minutes:**—Motion to accept the Secretary's minutes of April 10, 2021 was made by Jay WB4KYW. Seconded by Marinna W1FX. Motion approved unanimously.

•**Treasurer:** Doug N1OEI reported from 1 JULY 2021 to 31 JULY 2021

Opening Balance \$13,039.38

Income

General Income \$1,158.00

Interest \$0.09

Donations \$218.00

Sale of Equipment \$0.00

Total \$1,376.09

Expenses

Post office \$0.00

Office Supplies \$0.00

Approved Expenses \$94.21

Total \$94.21

Closing Balance \$14,321.26

Motion to accept the Treasurer's minutes for July 2021 was made by Marinna W1FX. Seconded by Jay WB4KYW. Motion approved unanimously.

President Larry W1IZZ:

- Reported that FARA's next Executive Board Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday, Wednesday, October 13, @ 7 PM.

- Reported that he followed up up K1CB's email generated by Mike W2FBI which is attached below. **Amateur Radio Digital Communications [ARDC]** is a non-profit public corporation that awards sizable grants to further amateur radio goals. President Larry W1IZZ is thinking about writing a grant for an antenna or a generator for our new Emergency Vehicle. More information will follow.

Charlie/K1CB

> On Jul 29, 2021 Mike W2FBI wrote:

> ARDC - the group that runs what used to be the 44.0.0.0/8 ham radio
> network block (but sold off a big /10 chunk to Amazon for several millions
> of dollars - is giving grants to amateur radio clubs for just about any
> good reason.
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> They're funding all kinds of new projects, infrastructure
> upgrades, makerfares, school clubs, field day setups, ARES groups,
> development of new classes, repeater upgrades and networking, you name it.
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> I got the M17 Project a decent chunk of change which has been a huge help
> with getting the test equipment, radios, and other things necessary for
> a project of that ambition.
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> I think it'd be cool to revive the old cape cod packet network based around
> something like New Packet Radio (with some protocol modifications),
> or getting some AREDN stuff deployed.
> Hopefully you'll have plenty of ideas of your own, because I've not been involved
> enough in the club to know what FARA would need.
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> I am willing to _help_ write proposals for any cape clubs. I don't want
> to volunteer to write them in their entirety because I already spend
> enough time behind a keyboard, but I'm happy to take a rough idea and help
> articulate it to show how it meets the granting goals and proofread it.
>> If this grabs your interest, I can provide links to the request for
> proposals and some of the ARDC videos and documents covering their

> granting goals, and happy to meet in person or over zoom or a phone call
> if you'd like.
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> Worth pursuing for FARA?
> 73,
> Mike W2FBI

•Reported that the PayPal buttons on our web site are “good to go”. Also as a non-profit, donations also can be made through the PayPal website.

•Reported that he is looking into both the number of keys and whom has them in their possession for FARA’s trailer and mailbox.

•Reported that he will meet with a State Representative into finding a shack on JBCC.

•Reported that most folks commented favorably on our new trailer during Field Day. Ralph N1YHS has done a marvelous job.

Vice President Mel KC1ELB reported that he has a few speakers lined up for the next few meeting but is always looking for help in discovering new folks that are willing to speak.

New Business:

Old Business:

For the Good of the Order:

•Marinna W1FX wondered if FARA and the The Cape Cod Astronomical Society might team up on a “radio Telescope” project with students.

Marinna W1FX moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mel KC1ELB.

Motion passed unanimously at 7:26 PM.

Minutes submitted by Charlie K1CB, Secretary