

Falmouth Amateur Radio Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes May 26, 2022
Falmouth Fire and Rescue EOC Room

Meeting was called to order at 1900, Charlie, K1CB, was presiding due to absence of the President and Vice President. It was noted that this was the first public, non-Zoom FARA meeting held since January of 2020.

Present were Charlie, K1CB, Henry, K1WCC, Lee, NQ1L, John, KC1GJE, Harold, N1ZTV, Gene, KX1C, Jay, WB4KYW, Mike, KC1HKW, Mel, KC1ELB, George, N1GJ, Don, N1JCT, George, K1GRH, Will, KB1WLY, Paul, K1COD, Barabara, W1BOG, Alden, K1IZB, Ralph, N1YHS, Chuck, W1GUR, Nelson, W1CN, Dan, K1GOG. Also present was an unidentified YL interested in getting licensed.

Motion to approve minutes of April 28 was made and seconded, and SO VOTED, a unanimous vote.

No Treasurer's Report was available.

It was noted that Larry, N1IZZ had applied for an ARDC Grant for club equipment. No response yet.

Ralph, N1YHS noted that we may be conducting another Tech in a Weekend class sometime this Fall. Also noted that the Scout Jamboree on the Air will be sponsored by FARA this year.

Don, N1JCT is living in Plymouth and will be starting the Monday Night FARA Net again on June 6th at 1930 on the 146.655 repeater. He can access the repeater from his home QTH. Welcome back, Don!

VE Session Report May 14, 2022

The VE session was held on May 14th at Forestdale Church. We had three candidates. One passed his Tech and club member Jim Gallagher (N1ODE) earned his Extra Class. One failed the Tech exam.

Membership Report May 26, 2022

0 members to be voted on:

2022 Membership stands at 164

2 new applications to consider:

Paul Frink (KC1REZ)

Steve Hennessy (N9SJH)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee, NQ1L, VEC/Membership Coordinator for FARA

Quartermaster Report: Ralph, N1YHS, reported no change in physical assets.

Ralph, N1YHS noted that there was an issue with the 655 machine related to dropping the first second or so of a transmission. Jim, WA1GPO is aware of the problem.

Field Day: Field Day this year will be at Morse Pond School on June 27, 28 and 29. We will have our trailer there as operating station. School does not get out until 1500 on Friday so that may affect the setup schedule. We may have to begin setup early Saturday morning. We have one more meeting before FD to organize the operation.

Falmouth Road Race: Barry, KB1TLR is underway organizing FARA's role in the event. The FARA comms trailer will be located at the bands shell and will operate as Race net control from there.

Cape Cod Marathon: Too early to organize this late October event. We expect to use the comms trailer.

FARAFEST: Will be held November 5th at the Upper Cape Tech School. Don, N1JCT and Ralph, N1YHS have arrangements with the school in hand.

Nominations for Officers and Board: Too early to report, but PLEASE consider running for office!

Audit Committee: Will, KB1WLY made some suggestions based on his audit. Treasurer Doug, N1OEI has paid for his own Quickbooks program from Tech Soup. Motion was made and seconded that the club pay for a new Quickbooks version for Doug and reimburse him for the previous version he purchased. SO VOTED, a unanimous vote. A motion was made (no second needed) to accept the Audit Report as printed in previous minutes, and SO VOTED, a unanimous vote.

Club Shack: No word yet on possibly sharing the Vets building.

“NAME THE TRAILER” Ralph is still looking for suggestions for names for the FARA comms trailer. He would like to get it lettered ASAP. Some discussion followed. Something related to “Community Support” seemed to be favorable to those present.

Dayton Hamvention: Henry, K1WCC, Mel, KC1ELB and Ralph, N1YHS attended Hamvention in Dayton, OH and reported on attendance and programs. Mel and Henry attended a seminar on grants available from the ARRL for club activities.

Meeting Status: Charlie, K1CB, asked the meeting how they felt about holding future meetings at the EOC and the consensus was positive, continue to hold them “in person” as long as as we can.

Next Meeting: June 15th at the EOC

Meeting adjourned at 1940

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Brown K1WCC

Acting Recorder