

Regular FARA Monthly Meeting Minutes June 17, 2021 Zoom meeting

Vice President Mel KC1ELB called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Fourteen (14) members were counted by the Zoom software or members sent an email to Charlie K1CB: Mel KC1ELB, Charlie K1CB, Geoff W1OH, Marinna W1FX, Lee NQ1L, Don N1JCT, Barry KB1TLR, Phil KB1DOS, Henry K1WCC, Gene KX1C, Chuck W1GUR, Earl W1EEB, Al N1MF, Don KC1NJO and two guests Jim N1ODE, and Sharon Mulcahy.

Executive Board Members Absent: President Larry W1IZZ, Doug N1OEI, Glen KC1GKT, Jay WB4KYW, and Ralph N1YHS.

Vice President Mel KC1ELB declared a quorum present.

•**Secretary:** Secretary Charlie K1CB reported that the minutes for May 28, 2021, were distributed via email and posted on the FARA website. Henry K1WCC moved that they be accepted. Seconded by Marinna W1FX. Motion passed unanimously.

Program: Meeting dedicated to upcoming Field Day

Reports of Officers:

•**Treasurer:** Doug N1OEI

• **Vice President Mel KC1ELB announced:**

•Our next FARA Zoom meeting is on Thursday, July 29, at 7:00 PM. More information will follow.

•July's program will be give by Tom KB1CQC on Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES).

•**2 Meter Net**—none

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.

•**10 Meter Net**—Jim's WA1GPO's daily 10 meter net on 28.411 MHz at 11 AM will resume in the fall of 2021.

•**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:**

Lee NQ1L reported that the VE session for June 12th was held at Forestdale Church. We had 2 candidates. They both earned their 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:

Lee NQ1L reported that three (3) 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 Tom Burt, N1TB (previous member), Scott Ledin, KC1JVD and Lois Sylvia, KC1-PLM

Lee NQ1L moved that Jim N1ODE of Forestdale, MA, accepted into FARA. Henry K1WCC seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Lee NQ1L reported that 2021 membership count of 156.

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 nq1i38@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: Barry KB1TLR volunteered to send all Field Day information to FCTV, and local radio stations. The Enterprise newspaper printed a story recently.

•Web Master: Vice President Mel KC1ELB reported that Larry W1IZZ moved a new version of our web site to another location. Search for FalmouthARA.org.

•FALMOUTH ARES:

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 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:**

•**K1RK Repeaters:** all appear to be operating properly but the 2 m Fusion repeater still needs an internet connections.

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:** status unchanged.

•**Field Day 2021:**

FARA Board of Director's meeting developed an outline plan for Field Day. A list of some of the items that need attention are shown below.

Number and kind (SSB, CW, VHF, GOTA, Digital) of stations, equipment for each station, radio, laptop and related items setup for logging/decoding, Headset/headphones/microphones, Key (CW, Chairs and lamps)

Number of antenna towers

Number/kind of antennas

Amount of coax

Rotator/cable?

Operator schedule?

Information table and cover

Outside speaker/monitor for public?

Shelter outside the trailer for visitors/members--pavilions or other shade?

Food/Beverages - are we doing a cookout on Sat?

Jim KC1KM and Charlie K1CB are doing their usual Sunday breakfast.

Larry W1IZZ's email to all members:

Field Day 2021 will be a smaller operation than in previous years. We will be using FARA's new communication trailer, operating from the Morse Pond School, located on Jones Road in Falmouth.

Setup begins at 10AM on Friday, June 25. Operation begins at 1400 on Saturday, June 26 and runs through 1400 on Sunday, June 27. Tear-down begins after 1400 on Sunday.

We will have beverages, chips, hamburgers and hot dogs available for the Saturday afternoon/early evening cookout. Jim, KC1KM and Charlie K1CB will once again provide breakfast on Sunday morning. Jim KC1KM will provide the generators for the event.

We will be operating two stations, an SSB station and a GOTA (Get On The Air) station for the public. Henry, K1WCC, will be the captain of the SSB station. The GOTA station needs a volunteer to be the station captain.

If you are interested in operating the SSB station during Field Day, please contact Henry, k1wcc@comcast.net

We will be putting up just two towers, the normal GOTA tower and one of the larger military towers. We need two volunteers with pickups to move the equipment from the storage container at the fairgrounds to the Morse Pond School. A truck with racks would be perfect for moving the two partially assembled beams.

Please contact Larry WilZZ if you can have a pickup available for Friday setup and Sunday teardown.

If you plan to attend Field Day, please bring a chair.

•**Falmouth Road Race:** Barry KB1TLR reported that the race will be held on August 15 and the race directors received permission from the town but there is a limit of 8,000 runners. **Volunteers will be needed.** More information will follow.

•**Cape Cod Marathon:**

•**FARAFest:** Don N1JCT reported that the Upper Cape Tech was reserved for November 6, 2021 at a reasonable fee. Everything is set.

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

•**Audit Committee:** Charlie K1CB, FARA's Secretary requested Chairperson Gene KX1C send a written audit report for the minutes. The following was received.

"On April 3rd the audit committee met with Doug, N1OEI, to do an audit of the FARA account. We social distanced the best we could. Was good to see fellow hams again and not via Zoom.

Doug has a good grasp on the accounts, checking and savings. We overlooked the spelling error that was noted last year.

Since FARA started the "Trailer Project" there's been numerous entries. Noticed several entries didn't say what they were for. The amounts were from the bank transactions not the receipts so Doug could annotate them.

We asked Doug to put together a total expense report of spending for the trailer project.

Also asked if he could configure the program so that we can get yearly totals on any line item total if need arises.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Bradeen KX1C, Audit committee chairman"

Special Committee Reports:

•**Emergency Communications Trailer Committee:**

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

•**Old Business:** none

•**New Business:** none

•**For the Good of the Order:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Al N1FM. Seconded by Earl W1EEB. Motion passed unanimously at 7:49 PM.

Minutes submitted by Charlie K1CB, Secretary