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# FCARC July 2021 Newsletter

## Calendar

**July 10<sup>th</sup>**, 8am Breakfast at Denny's Pantry

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**, Special Meeting for elections via ZOOM

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**, Submissions are due for the August issue of the Communicator.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**, Greenfield Triathlon

**August 7<sup>th</sup>**, 8am Breakfast at Denny's Pantry

**August 9<sup>h</sup>** August Meeting.

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The FCARC is seeking volunteers to provide course communications for the upcoming 2021 Triathlon being held Sunday Aug 1st at the Greenfield Swimming Pool. If you have some spare time and a mobile radio to reach the KB1BSS repeater, your assistance would be greatly appreciated by the Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department, Triathlon participants and FCARC.

Please respond back to me ASAP and let me know either YES or NO regarding your decision so we can plan appropriately. Volunteers will be receiving more detailed information from me shortly.

Thank you, Dick Merriott N1RCM

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## July Meeting Information

Aaron Addison is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: General Meeting

Time: Jul 12, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/99376118711?](https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/99376118711?pwd=VER2b2ZJZHVzYndSWnphVTBEBWVB5UT09)

[pwd=VER2b2ZJZHVzYndSWnphVTBEBWVB5UT09](https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/99376118711?pwd=VER2b2ZJZHVzYndSWnphVTBEBWVB5UT09)

Meeting ID: 993 7611 8711

Passcode: 572414

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## Franklin County Amateur Radio Club (FRARC) – Minutes

June 14, 2021

Board Members Present-

Aaron Addison KF1G – President  
Dick Merriott KC1JQJ – Vice President  
Erika LaForme KC1IJJ – Secretary/Clerk  
Brad Councilman W1BCC – Director

Board Members Absent –

Howard Field N1LUP – Treasurer  
Belle Dyer KB1NOG - Director

Others Present – Al N1AW, Chris KB1NEK, Richard KB1NOX

Board Meeting Notes :

Club Elections: 2021 open positions – Vice President, Treasurer, Director

Aaron motion to appoint Keith K1UN as nominating committee, Brad 2 nd , unanimous vote.  
Aaron motion to have a special meeting next month to conduct elections, Erika 2 nd , unanimous vote.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or nominate someone for an open position should contact Keith.

Field Day 2021: do we have the interest, the participating #'s, and the time to organize field day as a club event. Aaron has applied for and received all the permits we would needs to use Poet's Seat.

Discussion: At this time, because of COVID concerns and the lateness of restrictions being lifted, it was decided that trying to work field day together was probably not practical. The question will be discussed and put to a vote during the general meeting so all members can have a say.

Aaron motion to adjourn and return at 7pm for the general meeting, Erika 2 nd , unanimous vote.

General Meeting Notes :

Present : Aaron KF1G, Al N1AW, Anne N1YL, Dick N1RCM, Erika KC1IJJ, Gene K1WMA, Keith K1UN, Lad

WA3EEC, Mark NX1K, Richard KB1NOX, Vance N3VEM

Field Day 2021: questions, concerns and options discussed; general consensus is to agree with board recommendation to skip field day as a club this year.

Aaron motion to not run field day together as a club this year, Lad 2 nd , unanimous vote.

Members are encouraged to try to make contacts on their own this year. Individual scores may be combined and submitted as a club. Also, HCRA is going to run field day and FCARC members may join them if vaccinated.

Guest speaker: Vance Martin N3VEM gave an interesting talk about Parks on the Air – POTA. First an informative overview of POTA in general, then a more in-depth explanation of their Plaque event. This year, the 2021 event is running July 17 th and 18 th UTC.

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## **JULY FCARC Elections**

Aaron KF1G

We normally announce at the May meeting that elections will be in June, but this year we are a bit behind schedule, due to Covid.

The following positions are open for election this year:

Vice President: currently Richard Merriott, N1RCM

Treasurer: currently Howard Field, N1LUP

Director: currently Brad Councilman, W1BCC

If you know of someone who would be interested in holding a position please send their information to Keith via email [KU1N@arrl.net](mailto:KU1N@arrl.net) as he is the nominating committee this year, and as such is not available to be nominated.

Any member can be nominated for any position, and if you like you can nominate yourself. But we need these nominations before a special July meeting I will announce. Once someone is nominated they will be contacted to see if they are willing to serve. This special Zoom meeting will be only for more nominations, as nominations can be made during the meeting for oneself and for someone else (but only if they are there) and the we will do the actual voting.

Paid members are allowed to vote, if you have a question about your membership status please feel free to contact me, normally a member list is published in the first newsletter of the year.

Notes so far from Keith: Howard prefers someone replace him but would continue on if need be. Brad stated he is willing to continue as Director though expressed an interest in Treasurer.

Currently two weekly nets are held on the KB1BSS 146.985 Mhz repeater as soon as the net control information is available, it will be put on the website.

ARES 2-Meter Net - Tuesday at 8.00 pm on the KB1BSS repeater, 146.985 MHz, – offset, PL 136.5

FCARC Informational 2-Meter Net - Thursday at 8.00 pm on the KB1BSS repeater 146.985 MHz, – offset, PL 136.5

**ARES Western Mass Emergency Net**

8:30 am: 3.944 MHz LSB

**ARES Hampshire/Hampden/Franklin Net**

8:45 am: Mt Tom W1TOM VHF repeater, 146.940 MHz, – offset, PL 127.3

9:15 am: Mt Tom W1TOM UHF repeater, 443.200 MHz, + offset, PL 127.3

**ARES Berkshire Net**

9:00 am: Mt Greylock K1FFK repeater, 146.910 MHz, – offset, PL 162.2

**ARES 2-Meter Emergency Net**

Tuesday at 8.00 pm on the KB1BSS repeater 146.985 MHz -offset PL 136.5

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Tues 6 Chris KB1NEK Tues 3 Chris KB1NEK Tues 7 Belle KB1NOG  
Tues 13 Belle KB1NOG Tues 10 Belle KB1NOG Tues 14 Bob KA1HAH  
Tues 20 Bob KA1HAH Tues 17 Bob KA1HAH Tues 21 [tba]  
Tues 27 [tba] Tues 24 [tba] Tues 28 Chris KB1NEK  
Tues 31 Chris KB1NEK

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Thur 1 Dick N1RCM Thur 5 Al N1AW Thur 2 Al N1AW  
Thur 8 Al N1AW Thur 12 Richard KB1NOX Thur 9 Richard KB1NOX  
Thur 15 Richard KB1NOX Thur 19 Chris KB1NEK Thur 16 Chris KB1NEK  
Thur 22 Chris KB1NEK Thur 26 Dick N1RCM Thur 23 Dick N1RCM  
Thur 29 Dick N1RCM Thur 30 Al N1AW

Anyone interested in taking a turn at net control should contact Chris (for ARES net) or Al N1AW (for Info net).

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## 2021 Field Day

The FCARC voted not to have a Field Day this year. A few members attended Field days at other clubs and a few operated on their own from their home stations. Due to Covid, once again there were rule waivers for home stations including publishing an aggregated club score. Last year showed a published FCARC score of 3278 from 5 members operating from their homes.

Field day logs are due by July 27, 2021 and once again there is a rule waiver that an aggregate club score will be published. There is a handy ARRL online applet to submit logs online <https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php> and please list\choose the FCARC club as Franklin Co. (MA) ARC

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## 2021 Field Day @ N1YL

Keith and I once again operated as a 1D Home station for 22.75 hours in CW mode with the exception of 1.5 hours digital and 2 phone contacts. We operated both individually and actually quite well together as a team with one logging and other operating. It was a lot of fun. We noted that quite a few home stations had not read the new rule this year of being limited to 150

watts. We copied the ARRL Bulletin both on SSB and CW Friday evening. We met our goal of doing better than last year's 625 qso's by getting 750 this year.

Band	Mode	QSOs	Pts	Pt/Q
3.5	CW	203	406	2.0
3.5	LSB	1	1	1.0
7	CW	291	582	2.0
7	FT8	3	6	2.0
7	LSB	1	1	1.0
7	PSK3	12	24	2.0
14	CW	231	462	2.0
21	CW	7	14	2.0
28	CW	1	2	2.0
Total	Both	750	1498	2.0

Score: 2,996

While I enjoyed the fact that once Field Day was done there was no real cleanup we missed the setup, antenna experiments, food, outdoors, and conversation with our club. I also really missed the GOTA station and hope we will not have to wait a whole year to set one up. It is clear that if we are going to use digital again we need to practice in advance of events. Changing radios and computers makes such a big difference with digital. While contacts are not hard, the set up does take time when it is not your regular mode of operation. There is always room for improvement and something to learn.

Anne

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