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FCARC November 2021 Newsletter

Calendar

November 6th, Breakfast at Dennys in Greenfield

November 8th, November meeting 7pm. Brad, will be presenting about antenna tuners, bring your questions.

November Meeting Information

Aaron Addison is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: General Meeting, November

Time: Nov 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Brad, will be presenting about antenna tuners, bring your questions.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/98634799135?pwd=d3JrbUZVZnNtYzZRTDhWcHM3MzZlQT09>

Meeting ID: 986 3479 9135

Passcode: 165103

Franklin County Amateur Radio Club (FCARC) – Minutes

October 11, 2021

Board Members Present-

Aaron Addison KF1G – President

Brad Councilman W1BCC – Vice President

Howard Field N1LUP – Treasurer

Erika LaForme KC1IJJ – Secretary/Clerk

Dick Merriott N1RCM – Director

Board Members Absent –

Belle Dyer KB1NOG - Director

Others Present –

Al N1AW, Anne N1YL, Becky K1BKY, Mark W1MHG, Ray KB1LRL, Ted K3FEC

Board Meeting Notes :

🕒 Reimburse Erika for the filing fee for our Massachusetts annual report: \$18.50 – Aaron motion to approve;

Brad 2 nd ; vote unanimous

🕒 Discussion regarding in-person meetings – GCC will allow us back in, but consensus was to continue on-line meetings as long as the mask mandate is in place, GCC could be used if we run any testing; all meetings are open to anyone, unless executive privilege is required

🕒 VP report – regarding the removal of a club member, anyone with concerns, please contact Brad directly, privately

🕒 Storage issue – FRCOG was paying the monthly fee for the storage unit that we share; they are moving all their storage to GCC, where they already store some very expensive equipment; they only want their own people to have access – Aaron motion for the club to pay for the current unit for 6 months to give us time to assess our needs and to find a possibly cheaper option; Dick 2 nd ; vote unanimous

🕒 Insurance – the ARRL offers liability insurance for \$200/year (\$1,000,000 and access to lawyers) – this would cover us at events and club activities – Brad motion to buy the insurance; Erika 2 nd ; vote unanimous

🕒 Organizing events – Brad will create a sub-group of Groups IO to focus on providing event information and offering a platform for event discussion – appointment of an Events Coordinator; 2 applicants; Brad nominate Steve Ross N1IBS; discussion; Aaron motion to appoint Steve; Brad 2 nd ; vote unanimous

General Meeting Notes :

Present : Aaron KF1G, Anne N1YL, Brad W1BCC, Chris KB1NEK, Dick N1RCM, Erika KC1IJJ, Gene K1WMA, Mark W1MHG, Mark NX1K, Ray KB1LRL

No speaker – Review of board meeting decisions - Discussion regarding what we want to do in the next few months and the directions we'd like to see the club moving in the future.

🕒 December potluck, we will look into reserving a venue, but nothing definite until we see what the COVID mandates/suggestions are as we get closer

🕒 Work on recruitment; try to contact old members and other hams in the area; update/increase our mailing list (e- mail) to further publicize events; keep encouraging social radio events (ie monthly breakfast, Mt Sugarloaf picnic, Tom's Hot Dogs car drive, etc)

🕒 Winter Field Day – Aaron will be doing, if interested in getting a group together, contact him.

HCRA is extending an invite to all FCARC members:

Come one, come all, you're all invited to the HCRA Holiday Party at the Steaming Tender restaurant on Monday night, December 6th.

Deadline to make your reservation is Monday, November 22nd! Just a few weeks away!

You MUST be Covid vaccinated to attend.

The fun starts at 6:30 pm

Your cost is just \$25 per person

YOU MUST BE PRE-PAID.

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Meal choices are:

Yankee Pot Roast Dinner: Braised pot roast topped with rich pan sauce served with mashed potatoes, and vegetable of the moment

New England Turkey Dinner: Roasted turkey, cranberry herb stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetable of the moment & cranberry sauce topped with rich turkey gravy

Baked Haddock: Baked haddock cooked in white wine topped with buttered bread crumbs and a side of mashed potatoes and home made tartar sauce

Lemon Berry Chicken Salad: Romaine lettuce, strawberries, blueberries, crumbled goat cheese & pistachios served with lemon dressing topped with grilled chicken

Make your choice and send in your paid reservations to the HCRA PO Box 562, Agawam, MA 01006-0562.

Make sure to put your name and call on your check.

There will be door prizes and lots of great conversations with your friends.

I hope to see you there!

Larry, W1AST
HCRA President

FCARC Membership Reminder

It is that time of year again to renew your annual membership with the Franklin County Amateur Radio Club. To maintain full membership, annual dues are due as of the 1st of September with a grace period to the end of the year. Dues may be mailed directly to me, Howard Field at 7 Laurel St. Shelburne Falls, MA 01370, or catch me at one of the monthly breakfasts at Denny's or at a regular club meeting. Dues are \$15.00 for an adult membership or \$18.00 for a family membership. Checks should be made payable to Franklin County Amateur Radio Club (**FCARC**).

Howard Field N1LUP
Treasurer FCARC

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