

## The HARC Executive Board Meeting Minutes for January 2022

January 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Tom KC8UER.  
Herrick District Library, Holland

### Those in Attendance:

**President:** Tom – KC8UER  
**Vice President:** Jared – KE8GBF  
**Treasurer:** Rich – WA8MTI  
**Trustee:** Dave – WA8RSA  
**Secretary:** Kaitlin – KD9NRB

Zach – KE8BSM  
Bob – K8RJB  
Tom – K8TB  
Phil – K8PVH  
Christina – KJ8FIZ  
Rob – NR8J

### Items Discussed Year in Review:

#### A – VE Testing and Ham in a Day Review

- a. 1 General Session
- b. 3 Ham in a Day Sessions
  - 43 new techs in total
  - 25 upgrades in total

#### B – OCEC – Review

- a. 20 members currently
- b. 2020 went through whole year no meetings
- c. 2021 – March & April meetings in person
- d. 8-10 ppl come per month
- e. Monthly Net meetings totaled between 50-100 hrs. per month
- f. Skywarn Activations went well – one net had 32 check-ins in an hour and a half
- g. The Park to Park Run had 14 ppl in total

#### C – The K8DAA 06 Repeater – Review

- a. The repeater is doing well
- b. Needs to be renewed in June

#### D – E.A.T. Meetings – Review

- a. Averages 10-12 ppl per meeting

- b. looking for projects
  - Potential Ideas:
    - 1. show-in-tell of a battery go box
    - 2. introduction to Raspberry Pi in the works
- c. 20 Hotspots ordered for build sessions
- d. soldering project in a month or so, potentially the end of February
- e. looking for potential other venues to host E.A.T. Meetings including:
  - 1. The Amory
  - 2. Holland Museum

### **E – Treasurer’s Report – Review**

- a. HARC has about 60 total members
- b. Budget is up \$1,000 from last year
- c. Club has stopped going to Chick-Owa Sportsman’s Club
- d. Club is doing well in comparison both in membership and monetarily

### **F – Vice President – Review**

- a. Winter Field Day 2021 went well
  - 1. 2 stations
  - 2. 42 states contacted in total
  - 3. international locations contacted too
- b. Summer Field Day 2021 – cancelled due to severe inclement weather
- c. HARC Website was down but has since moved to a new hosting provider and is running well now
- d. Google Suites could be utilized – do we open it to club members or just Admins?
- e. Chick-Owa Sportsman’s Club Information:
  - 1. The club wants to revamp the club to make it better
  - 2. Chick-Owa had a presidential transition – new leadership wondered why there was an antenna on the building and what it was for
  - 3. Chick-Owa had has a lack of communication with HARC in the past
  - 4. Perhaps Chick-Owa will get Starlink Wifi?
  - 5. Maybe the antenna could be rewired so it would be in the kitchen area?
- f. Maybe Chick-Owa is used for just Ham in a Day or VE Testing for 2022
- g. The Ham in a Day hrs. are 12-8pm
- h. Kollen’s Fire Department in Kollen’s Park is in Holland
- i. The UHF-VHF Contest went well over summer

### **G – Former President – Review**

- a. being Club President was a rollercoaster during the pandemic
- b. hard choices were made
- c. overall good support from the club
- d. things brightened as the year progressed
- e. HARC How are you? / TGIF Net has sparked interest in the U.P.
  - 1. the How are you? Net became the TGIF Net
  - 2. averages about 12 check-ins per Net

- f. administrative endeavors for the club had to be delayed, cancelled, or rescheduled because of the pandemic
- g. the Bob Heil presentation went very well
- h. Zoom Meeting ideas
  - 1. Zoom meetings for guest speakers
  - 2. look into Zoom for nonprofits
  - 3. Zoom can be livestreamed to Facebook
  - 4. possible pro account for the club would be \$15 per month
- i. possible presentation idea from Mike Koetje N8XPQ – possibly meeting at Central Dispatch in West Olive Township
  - 1. club members only
  - 2. background checks would be conducted

**President's Vision for 2022 Ideas:**

- a. Move Membership Dates from 2018 to 2022 – name list should be updated
  - 1. callsign or with email too?
  - 2. should we add what is on QRZ?
  - 3. maybe a Google Doc?
- b. Update members to make membership cards – minimal cost to club
- c. Print outs didn't work last time – asking did – make it physical mail or digital email?
- d. Membership engagement – largest turnout was Bob Heil Presentation – we need stronger presentations
- e. Gordon West – presentation possible
- f. Bob Heil back to talk about antenna for spring – March, April, or May?
- g. Eventbrite tickets – gives a good head count for the Herrick Library
- h. We could create a personalized invite
- i. 5-6 ppl from the GR Club came to presentation
- j. Advertise on social media
- k. Club move to 4 major outings:
  - 1. Field Day
  - 2. Picnics
  - 3. Parks on the Air
  - 4. Windmill Island
- l. Tulip Time maybe – Special Event Stations
- m. People in Germany and the Netherlands want to reach our area
- n. Tulip Time Dates – May 7-15, 2022
- o. Parks on the Air – do it in the fall – go to Holland or a state park 4 – 5 spots as a team
- p. Big Red Lighthouse – Lighthouses on the Air
- q. Todd Voss – after the park run, we have a picnic as a group
- r. Why don't we have a club shirt? Or hats? Or polo shirts?
- s. 2 service requests – Tulip Time – Parks
- t. Marathon Bike Race in Barry Co. for a 30-mile race had less than 10 ppl very understaffed – get engaged with other clubs
- u. Museum Ships on the Air in June

- v. LSD – Silversides on the Air – in Allegan Co.
- w. Another on the Air Contest: split up by age one contest for kids under 17
- x. another for adults 18 and over – not just get on the air contest – have more to it
- y. Fox Hunt Ideas:
  - 1. we should do our own
  - 2. maybe with other clubs
  - 3. All club invitational on the calendar
  - 4. HARC presents the Fox Hunt Invitational
  - 5. We challenge other clubs sponsored by HARC
  - 6. Starts last Saturday on April 30<sup>th</sup> this year
  - 7. starts at 9am goes to noon
  - 8. Walking fox hunt to fox crawl with pubs on 8<sup>th</sup> St. possibly?
  - 9. Hudsonville Ham Fest Fox Hunt at 12pm the Fox goes on the Air
  - 10. Awards Committee had no traction
  - 11. maybe make a committee together of 3 ppl – we need officers
  - 12. Nomination Committee perhaps? – to get people to volunteer
- z. This concludes the program of agenda

## **Club Commentary**

### **Special Services Club**

- a. Certificate with the ARRL – our club qualifies process is a challenge
- b. Tom visits 200-300 clubs' websites annually – 50% or more of club must be ARRL Members
- c. Meeting Presentation for Bob Heil is all recorded on Zoom – can we upload it anywhere? Is special permissions need for that?
- d. General Annual Picnic – we have good attendance at Field Day
- e. Post-Festivus at Pizza Ranch – good turn out
- f. Parks Run – we all have a meal together afterward
- g. We need an alternative plan and date – with our group
- h. We have will have a motion for T-shirts – could get a group discount
  - 1. sell for \$13 if they are \$9
  - 2. brings in money for club for the membership fund
  - 3. will be followed up by: Rob NR8J
- i. Shirts should be minimalist – do we go with the logo?
- j. Zach will follow up for a future potential Bob Heil Antenna presentation to Tom
- k. Working on another contest – 2-Tier category – adjusting it to fit needs
- l. Confirmations for Feb March April for Herrick District Library
- m. Windmills on the Air – Jared will follow-up

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54pm