

W3UU The Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, Inc.
President – Terry [WB3BKN], Vice-President – Chuck [KA1YSR]



MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2025 MEETING

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

The Wednesday, January 8, 2025, meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1829L by the President, Terry [WB3BKN], at the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

INTRODUCTIONS:

11 individuals were present and introduced themselves by name and callsign.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

December 2024 Minutes were opened for comments, questions, and corrections. Motion to Accept the December 2024 Secretary's Report as published to the HRAC/W3UU Website by Tim [W4NKC] and seconded by Steve [KC3VPJ]. The attending membership approved the Meeting Minutes by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank [K3FXA] presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2024. Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report by Chuck [KA1YSR] and seconded by Curt [K3URT]. The attending membership approved the Treasurer's Report by voice vote.

LICENSE TRUSTEE REPORT:

Dave [KC3MG] was not able to attend. Terry [WB3BKN] reported that there no reports of complaints filed with the FCC were passed along to him from Dave.

EQUIPMENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

Terry [WB3BKN] reported that there are no changes to the equipment from last month.

LAUREL VE COMMITTEE:

Former Lead VE Tim [W4NKC] reported that five exams were administered during the December 2024 exam with three applicants passing.

Reminder: the next testing date Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 0900L and that individuals must register by 1800L on February 12, 2025. Please arrive by 0830L on test day to get checked in so that testing can start promptly at 0900L. The testing location is the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

REPEATER COMMITTEE:

Terry [WB3BKN] reported that the old repeater site has been decommissioned and that we are still waiting for the paperwork to be completed/approved for the new site for us to determine what the PL Tone will be going forward. Keep in mind that we are still using 123Hz as our current PL Tone.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Membership Chair Tim [W4NKC] reported that renewals for 2025 are still coming in. Approximately 30 members from last year have not renewed yet.

Renew your membership for 2025 now!

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE:

Web site is up and running. Please send ideas to Webmaster Rick [K2RBT]. Rick is working on an integration to get our Facebook feed to appear on our website

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS:

- Contact ares.harrisburgpa@gmail.com to be added to the e-mail list for updates and announcements.

- Dauphin County ARES / RACES Net meets every Monday at 1900L on the 145.110 repeater (Ellendale Forge, W3ND). All are welcome to participate in the Net.

- In-Person meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month. Our next in-person meeting will start at 1900L on Thursday, 23 January 2025 at the Lower Paxton Township Building, 425 Prince St, Harrisburg

ELMER TIME:

Tonight's Elmer Time Topic, presented by Steve [KC3VPJ], was about the history of Winter Field Day as well some fun Amateur Radio Trivia.

Elmer Time Coordinator Steve [KC3VPJ] is always looking for topics that we can match up with our experienced HAMs to present on.

March's Elmer Time will be a presentation on Meshtastic Radios by Frank [K3FXA].

WINTER FIELD DAY 2025:

The dates have been set for Winter Field Day 2025. The event will be January 25-26 and will once again be located at Central Penn College. More details to follow.

More information here:
<https://winterfieldday.org/>

UPCOMING HAMFESTS:

Winterfest Hamfest will be held on January 11, 2025. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 0500L for setup, doors open at 0600L for vendors and 0700L for attendees with an end time of 1100L so we can be out of the VVA Bingo Hall by 1200L.

OLD CLUB BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW CLUB BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

The 2025 HAMFeast is less than a month away! We will have our annual event at the Peach Tree Restaurant, 251 North Progress Ave starting at 1800L on Wednesday February 12, 2025. The event will have door prizes and presentation of the "HAM of the Year" Award.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck [KA1YSR] and seconded by Tim [W4NKC]. The business meeting closed at 1909L with approval by all attendees by voice vote.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Frank Aponte [K3FXA], Secretary.

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FCC club station license rule Title 47, Section 97.5: "The club must be composed of at least four persons and must have a name, a document of organization, management, and a primary purpose devoted to amateur service activities consistent with this part." In addition, the document of organization must be kept in the club's records and made available to the FCC upon request.