

W3UU The Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, Inc.

President – Terry [WB3BKN], Vice-President – Chuck [KA1YSR]



MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2025 MEETING

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

The Wednesday, December 10, 2025, meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1833L by the President, Terry [WB3BKN], at the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The November 2025 Minutes were opened for comments, questions, and corrections. Motion to Accept the November 2025 Secretary's Report as published to the HRAC / W3UU Website by Chuck [KA1YSR] and seconded by Curt [K3URT]. The attending membership approved the Meeting Minutes by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank [K3FXA] presented the Treasurer's Report for November 2025. Motion to Accept the November 2025 Treasurer's Report by Curt [K3URT] and seconded by Tim [W4NKC]. The attending membership approved the Treasurer's Report by voice vote.

LICENSE TRUSTEE REPORT:

Dave [KC3MG] not present. No Report.

EQUIPMENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

Terry [WB3BKN] reported that there are no changes for this month.

LAUREL VE COMMITTEE:

VE Tim [W4NKC] reported that the next testing date Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 0900L and that individuals must register by 1800L on December 17, 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 work has begun to link the club repeater [W3UU] to another repeater in Northern Dauphin County. The hardware installation is continuing, so more information will follow at a later date.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Membership Chair Tim [W4NKC] reported that we have 57 members, 38 of which are also ARRL members (66.7%). With more than 50% of our members also being ARRL members, we remain an ARRL Affiliated Club. Get ready to renew your membership for 2026!

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE:

Please send content and ideas to Webmaster Rick [K2RBT]. Please send updates and news items to Rick.

If you would like to volunteer some time as an admin for the club's Facebook page, please contact Terry [WB3BKN]

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.
- The Dauphin County ARES group has been asked to assist with the 2025 Lower Paxton Christkindlmarkt to provide comms at 3 to 5 locations. The date is Saturday, December 13, 2025 in Linglestown. All are welcome.
- In-Person meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Lower Paxton Township Building, 425 Prince St, Harrisburg.

ELMER TIME:

No Elmer Time tonight since it is December and we had our annual Cookie Sharing, Rag Chewing Fellowship.

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

Winter FIELD DAY:

The next event will be Winter Field Day will be held January 24-25, 2026 next year. Preparations are starting now, so if you would like to volunteer or have any ideas for community outreach, please contact our HRAC Field Day coordinator Steve [KC3VPJ]. Like previous Field Day events, we will be at Central Penn College.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS:

The next Hamfest for the club will be the Winterfest Hamfest on Saturday January 10, 2026 with site preparation and set up on Friday January 9, 2026. Please contact Terry [WB3BKN] to volunteer. Note that attendees can buy extra tickets to a better chance in the main prize raffle and are not limited to their entry ticket.

OLD CLUB BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW CLUB BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

- Tom [KA3TKW] is setting up the next local FCC Forum. Like previous events, it will be held at the Hibachi Buffet Harrisburg on Jonestown Road. Date and Time TBD based on FCC availability. It is usually the last Thursday of the month.
- If you have swap meet items, they can be added to the HRAC Facebook page.
- John [KD3BOV] let us know that he is involved with a student Amateur Radio club at Central Dauphin High School, the HAM Rams. It sounds like they are working on radio skills and licensing as well as general electronic projects and skills. It is exciting to hear about a new generation of amateur radio operations! Please reach out to John [KD3BOV] if you would like to help volunteer with the club.

2025 CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Our Slate of uncontested nominees consisted of Terry [WB3BKN] for President, Chuck [KA1YSR] for Vice-President, and Frank [K3FXA] for Secretary.

We had two nominees for Treasurer, Frank [K3FXA] and John [KD3BOV]. The members in attendance unanimously voted for Frank [K3FXA] for Treasurer on the election slate.

A motion to accept the final election slate was made by Tim [W4NKC] and seconded by Paul [KA3SGY]. The attending membership unanimously approved the Club Officer Election Slate by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim [W4NKC] and seconded by Chuck [KA1YSR]. The business meeting closed at 1853L 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.