

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



MINUTES OF THE 10 JUNE 2026 MEETING

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

The Wednesday, 10 June 2026, meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, Inc. was called to order at 1830 by Vice President Chuck [KA1YSR]; (President Terry [WB3BKN] arrived shortly thereafter,) at the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

NOTE: A new agenda: “Elmer Time” is now the beginning of the meeting time, followed by club business. Today, “Elmer Time” ended at 1908 and the business session commenced thereafter.

(All times herein are local, Eastern Daylight Time.)

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

The May 2026 Minutes were opened for comments, questions, and corrections. Motion to Accept the Secretary’s Report as published, by Tim [W4NKC], seconded by Paul [KA3SGY]. The attending membership approved the Meeting Minutes by voice acclamation.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

No report.

LICENSE TRUSTEE REPORT:

Dave [KC3MG]; no report.

EQUIPMENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

Terry [WB3BKN]; nothing new to report.

LAUREL VE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Lead VE Tim [W4NKC] reported that the next testing date is Saturday, 20 June 2026 at 0900 and that individuals must register by 1800 on 17 June 2026. Please arrive by 0830 on test day to get checked in so that testing can start promptly at 0900. The testing location is the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

REPEATER COMMITTEE REPORT:

Terry [WB3BKN]; repeater is working well.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Membership Chair Tim [W4NKC] reported that our total renewals at present, have not changed since the last meeting. With more than 50% of our members also being ARRL members, we remain an ARRL Affiliated Club.

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Webmaster Rick [K2RBT]; no report.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

- 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 1900 on the 145.110 repeater (Ellendale Forge, W3ND). All are welcome to participate in the Net. Bob, K3RTS, Dauphin County Director.
- In-Person meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1900 at the Lower Paxton Township Building, 425 Prince St, Harrisburg. At present no summer meetings.
- NOTE: it is important to be subscribed to the email list due to availability of a meeting place and summer activities.

ELMER TIME (ET) REPORT:

Tonight’s Elmer Time Topic — the Nano VNA (H4 and mini models used) presented by Al [KC3YMK]. Al informed the attending on the use and operation of these inexpensive antenna analyzers (just one function of the Nano). The presentation was well received. Thank you Al.

- ET Coordinator Steve [KC3VPJ] is always looking for topics that we can match up with our experienced HAMS to present on. July’s presentation is tentatively by Frank, K3FXA on Software Defined Radio (SDR).
- All ET’s are subject to change.

UPCOMING HAMFEST: The next club sponsored hamfest is the **Firecracker**, 4 July 2026. Flyer and information is posted on the club website, w3uu.org, and in the club newsletter.. This hamfest will occur on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Hamfest lead volunteer, Terry [WB3BKN], has engaged the services of a singer for the National Anthem. Also, **it is requested that the membership volunteer**, albeit if only for a few hours, to help with the work to be done on the Friday before (July 3) at Noon+ and on the day of the event starting at 0400. (The hamfest is pretty well wrapped-up by 1500.) A volunteer is requested to stay overnight from Friday to Saturday to protect the interests of the event.

OLD CLUB BUSINESS: Approval of club promo flyer — to be posted on the club’s website.

NEW CLUB BUSINESS:

* **FIELD DAY (FD)** is Saturday, 27 June starting at 1400 to Sunday, 28 June until Noon. Please see your newsletter and club website for further details. The club trailer will be at the college location by 0800 for an early set-up. Operations will begin at 1400. Again, volunteers are needed for this fun event, particularly to stay overnight on site. Steve [KC3VPJ] is the lead volunteer for coordination. Steve unfurled a new, very attractive, FD banner. Antennas to be used by the club are a fan dipole and hamsticks (the old vertical antennas have been retired).

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

Charlie [W3CWT] says he’s good.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn by Steve, [KC3VPJ] and seconded by Tim [W4NKC] approved by the attendees by voice acclamation. The business meeting closed at 1940.

NEXT MEETING: is Wednesday, 8 July 2026, at the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111, at 1830.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Curt [K3URT] on behalf of the Secretary, Frank [K3FXA], out due to illness.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING is a document of HRAC, Inc. Therefore, all content is unabridged from the original. Corrections to the Minutes are made at the next club meeting by a membership vote with approval/disapproval.

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.
