

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



MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2026, MEETING

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

The Wednesday, July 8, 2026, meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1903L 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:

The June 2026 Minutes were opened for comments, questions, and corrections. Motion to Accept the June 2026 Secretary's Report as published to the HRAC / W3UU Website by Tim [W4NKC] and seconded by Curt [K3URT]. The attending membership approved the Meeting Minutes by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank [K3FXA] presented the Treasurer's Reports for May and June 2026. Motion to Accept the May and June 2026 Treasurer's Reports by Chuck [KA1YSR] and seconded by George [AC3EA]. 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] had nothing new to report.

LAUREL VE COMMITTEE:

VE Tim [W4NKC] reported that the next testing date Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 0900L and that individuals must register by 1800L on Wednesday August 12, 2026. 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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Membership Chair Tim [W4NKC] reported that we have 59 members. With more than 50% of our members also being ARRL members, we remain an ARRL Affiliated Club.

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE:

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

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.

- In-Person meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Lower Paxton Township Building, 425 Prince St, Harrisburg.

ELMER TIME:

Tonight's Elmer Time topic was Software Defined Radio in Amateur Radio, presented by Frank [K3FXA].

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

CLUB NEWSLETTER:

Steve [KC3VPJ] is leading the charge for the newest incarnation of the HRAC Monthly Newsletter, so if you have information to add to the newsletter or have ideas for things that you would like to see in it, please contact Steve.

FIELD DAY:

The next Field Day will be Winter Field Day and it will be held on January 23 and 24, 2026. 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].

UPCOMING HAMFESTS:

The next Hamfest for the club will be the Oktoberfest Hamfest in October. 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:

Those in attendance discussed the general topic of HRAC Hamfests and the limited number of people we have to put them on, especially the Summer Firecracker Hamfest. We discussed different things that we could do to partner with other groups or radio operators in order to get more help, as well as the possibility of changing schedules or the number that we do. A lot to think about and continue discussing at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve [KC3VPJ] and seconded by George [AC3EA]. The business meeting closed at 2005L 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.