W3UU The Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, Inc.

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

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2026 MEETING

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:
The Wednesday, October 14, 2026, meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1858L 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 September 2026 Meeting Minutes were opened for comments, questions, and corrections. Motion to Accept the September 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 Report for September 2026. Motion to Accept the September 2026 Treasurer's Report by Chuck [KA1YSR] and seconded by Charlie [W3CWT]. The attending membership approved the Treasurer's Report by voice vote.

LICENSE TRUSTEE REPORT:
Terry [WB3BKN] reported that there have been no issues with our license.

EQUIPMENT TRUSTEE REPORT:
Terry [WB3BKN] had nothing new to report.

LAUREL VE COMMITTEE:
VE Tim [W4NKC] reported that the next testing date Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 0900L and that individuals must register by 1800L on Wednesday October 14, 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 he is working to schedule the work required to enable more features on our repeater and move the location of our antenna on the tower.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:
Membership Chair Tim [W4NKC] reported that we have 62 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 the use of Raspberry PIs and Arduinos in Amateur Radio. Steve [KC3VPJ] showed us some of the things you can do with them such as HamClock (HamClock.com).

Elmer Time Coordinator Steve [KC3VPJ] is always looking for topics that we can match up with our experienced HAMs to present on. If you are interested, contact him for a list of topic ideas.

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 Hamfests for the club will be the Oktoberfest Hamfest on October 24, 2026 and the Winterfest Hamfest on January 9, 2027. 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:
Terry [WB3BKN] led our discussion finalizing the operational details of the club's 80th anniversary event. Please contact Terry [WB3BKN] to sign up for the event and have your Special Event Station ID assigned to you.

ADJOURNMENT:
A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck [KA1YSR] and seconded by Frank [K3FXA]. The business meeting closed at 1958L 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.