

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021

11:00 AM ET via Zoom

1. The Executive Committee of the ARRL Board of Directors was called to order at 10:59 AM Eastern Time via Zoom with President Rick Roderick in the Chair. Present were committee members: Tom Abernethy, W3TOM; Bud Hippisley, W2RU; John Robert Stratton, N5AUS; Dale Williams, WA8EFK. **Members without vote:** Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF; and David Minster, NA2AA.

Also present were: ARRL FCC Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ, and Kelly Wells, serving as meeting recorder.

Board Members present as observers were: Mickey Baker, N4MB; Vernon Lippert, AC0W; Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA; Mike Ritz, W7VO; Lee Cooper, W5LHC; Fred Hopengarten, K1VR; Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ; Bill Morine, N2COP; Phil Temples, K9HI; Scott Yonally, N8SY and Rod Stafford, W6ROD.

2. Welcome and consideration of the agenda- *Welcome:* Mr. Roderick welcomed the Committee and observers to the meeting. Mr. Roderick then recognized Mr. Minster for his presentation as the key note speaker during the W9DXCC convention.

Approval of the Agenda- **On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Williams,** the Agenda was **ADOPTED.**

3. Chief Executive Officer/Secretary's update- Personnel Update: **On the motion of Mr. Minster, seconded by Mr. Stratton,** the group moved into a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters from 11:06 AM- 12:12 PM.

On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Hippisley, the report of the Committee of the Whole was **ADOPTED.**

Mr. Minster did note that the 2022 Budget planning kicked off on September 13, 2021 and departmental budget meetings will continue throughout the next few weeks.

On the motion of Mr. Hippisley, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, that the Administration and Finance Committee (A&F) will conduct a study of the Salary Structure & Wage Scale, benefits and remote work capability at ARRL. The completion date for findings is 12/1/2021.
The Motion carried.

4. FCC Counsel's update and FCC matters- Mr. Siddall reported that the FCC granted ARRL's request for an emergency 60-day temporary waiver of the symbol rate limit to facilitate relief communications related to Hurricane Ida and subsequent hurricanes. The waiver was orally

granted on Saturday, August 28, and immediately permitted amateur data transmissions related to Hurricane Ida traffic to employ a symbol rate for data transmissions higher than the 300 baud limit in the Rules. A written grant issued on Monday, August 30, extended the waiver to 60 days to cover any subsequent hurricanes.

The waiver covers Amateur use of any digital mode meeting the FCC's requirements. The method employed must use publicly documented data protocols that are compatible with FCC rules, with the exception of the waived data rate limit, and applies only to those Amateurs directly involved with HF hurricane relief communications.

In 2016 the FCC proposed to delete the symbol rate limit. This was in response to an ARRL petition that requested its replacement with a bandwidth limit. That proceeding remains pending.

Mr. Siddall also reported that the FCC continues to mask email addresses and phone numbers provided on Amateurs' FCC applications. While masked in the FCC's database records that are publicly visible, the ARRL VEC found instances in which email addresses within Amateur applications remained visible on the FCC website.

Mr. Siddall contacted the FCC staff and the situation was immediately corrected. Mr. Siddall also mentioned that a proceeding initiated in 2015 to address related privacy matters continues to be pending.

The Committee was on lunch from 1:15 PM – 1:45 PM with all returning as noted above.

5. Club Anniversaries- On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Abernethy that,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Radio Communications Association (MCRCA) was founded in 1941, and has continuously served the hams in the Monroe County region as an active general interest club hosting Field Day, numerous fox hunts, a regular license examination program and maintains their active club station W8DWL and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service became active in 1961 to serve the citizens and agencies in Monroe County, providing needed communications in storm watches, aircraft disasters, floods, fires, tornados and community service activities, with its club station KD8DXV and

WHEREAS the River Raisin Repeater Association was formed in 1971 to design, develop and operate Amateur Radio repeaters in Monroe County, whose use is dedicated to emergency service, radio nets and general operating and the association using the club call sign K8RPT, currently maintains 5 voice repeaters and a packet system, and

WHEREAS all three ARRL Affiliated organizations have through a long tradition, worked together collaboratively as they now commemorate their joint anniversaries of 80, 60 and 50 years,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors congratulates these three organizations for their outstanding efforts in working for the common good in their community and for their service in the past, and to the present and future of Amateur Radio.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

6. Recognition of New Life Members- On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Stratton, the new Life Members were APPROVED (with applause).

7. Other Business- The Committee discussed frequency and location of the Executive Committee meetings. The Committee agreed that Zoom meetings will continue. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2021.

On the motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, the group moved into a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters from 1:55 PM – 2:23 PM.

On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Williams, the report of the Committee of the Whole was ADOPTED.

There being no further business, **on the motion of Mr. Hippisley, seconded by Mr. Williams,** the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kelly Wells, Executive Assistant