

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association November 17, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President N4KXO at 10:00 AM

Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of members and guests:

Monthly Service Honor Roll: As always Dean KM4QMB for being our yard bird. Lenny KD4MBN and Rick KM4JFM and Al W4ALR for dealing with the hard line removal from the storage container.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: 1st reading W4RJW Bob, KL7HOT Roger. 2nd reading N9QKK Bruce:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was posted on the wall. Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted. The following balances were reported for November 2017. Sun Trust checking \$1801.90, Sun Trust Savings 1001.49, SKFund \$1000.00 Investment Account \$19698.50, Petty Cash \$ 50.00 PayPal \$82.08.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Was posted on the wall as well as emailed to all members; Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted.

ENGINEERS REPORT: All systems we control are up and working.

ARES: W4ALR- The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on N4FLA, 147.255 at 7:00 PM, and Packet on 145.01 (N4FLA-2) when a packet NCS is available.. Frank KK4MBX is the ARES net manager.. Frank our net manager is looking for a few good operators who would like to train to be a net NCS and a net NCS backup. It's really not all that difficult. If you are at all interested contact Frank KK4MBX.

QCWA: K9SSL Net is held Tuesday 7:30 PM on Ecolink, lunch will be at the Olive Garden at 11:30 AM

SK COMMITTEE: - SK sales will be selling in February at Hamcation. We tested SK equipment for re-sale on October 29th. Saturday November 24th the SK committee will hold an equipment sale here at LARA beginning at 10 AM. WB4HV advises that he has a lot of good equipment, most of which has been tested out.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Don K3DRS. Don reports that 272 service hours were recorded for October 2018. 2778 hours have been recorded for the year 2018. Only those members that have taken the required Incident Command System courses and have been vetted by Lake County, and received a badge, have their volunteer service hours recorded. See John WB4HV for an application. After the first of the year we plan on having an ICS overview and why it's important.

DX and CONTESTING:

You can find the current contests by looking at the ARRL website/contests you take a look at the current contests you will see that it's the contest season. Although propagation seems to be at an all time low on the HF frequencies, the bands seem to come alive with a contest.

The LARA Monthly Luncheon is the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM at the Ichiban Japanese/Chinese buffet Highway 441, and Radio Road, in Leesburg, 16 were present at the luncheon this month..

CLUB APPAREL - Any questions please see Frank KK4MBX - we now also have a T-shirt vendor separate from Striking Effects. Frank will take orders for new T-shirts.

Grid Square Contest - The ARRL grid square contest began January 1, 2018. All grid square totals will be kept by LOTW. If you as a club member participate, the club winner will win a lifetime membership to LARA. 2nd place will get paid dues for a year. There are 42,439 operators currently in the contest. Steve KT4Q from LARA is ranked 806 with 2988 grid squares recorded. So far in 2nd place is Bill KN4BIT ranked 3145 with 1370 grids recorded. I'm a little behind ranked 9627 with 510 grids recorded. There's another club member is making a good dent in the numbers. That's Fred NF2F ranked 10640 with 453 grids recorded. An operator whom a lot of us know but who is not a club member, Kevin Milhorn, N4KM, is ranked 370 with 4236 grids recorded. These numbers are from yesterday morning.

LARA Board - is looking into several ideas as a fund raiser. Your input would be appreciated. Contact Dave NP2MR or any board member with your ideas. Remember to make your Amazon purchases via Amazon Smile. LARA gets a piece of the action when you make your purchases through the program.

Field Day - Field Day 2018 numbers have been published. The LARA Team placed 2nd in the 5A category. A job well done with excellent teamwork.

Holiday Dinner - Will be Friday December 14th at The Lakes of Mount Dora clubhouse. Catering will be from the Oakwood Smokehouse in Tavares. The menu will consist of beef and turkey and two sides. Desert will be furnished by LARA. The cost per person has been set at \$11.00 per person with the club picking up the additional cost. Dave NP2MR will be happy to take your reservation for this year's dinner. Please RSVP to Dave by November 30th. Where else can a you go for a great dinner and fellowship for only \$22.00 a couple. Cocktail hour (BYOB) begins at 5PM and dinner served around 6PM

WEBSITE - Several errors have been corrected and some other updates have been made.

Hamcation - Hamcation is in February. You received a request via the LARA reflector from Fred Fite (NF2F). Fred is the Hamcation Volunteer Coordinator at this year's event. If you volunteer some time, LARA will get some benefit from your efforts. Read your email announcement for more information.

Skywarn Day - Six years ago about 15 members journeyed to NWS Melbourne for Skywarn Day. Skywarn day is Saturday December 1st. We already have one full van load going.

SUNSHINE REPORT: K3NON Paul Branch's wife passed last week

Does anyone have anything for the good of the order?

The House passed version of the Amateur Radio Parity Act is now part of the Financial Service & General Government Authorization Act or the FSGG. Now that Sen. Nelson might be defeated in the midterm elections, the chances are very good now that the act will be out of committee and voted on in near future.

If you plan on running for any LARA Board position for 2019, per the by-laws you must notify the Secretary prior to the November meeting. However nominations will be accepted from the floor at this meeting. The following are running for office:

President N4KXO, Jay NF2F Fred

Vice President W4ALR Al

Secretary WN4AMO Paul

Treasurer NP2MR Dave

Board of Directors: KK4MBX Frank, WB4HV John, K4AUS Jason, K9SSL Mike, K3DRS Don

The election will be held at the next LARA meeting which will be December 8, 2018.

LARA has loaned some equipment to the Lake County Museum which is located in the courthouse building in Tavares.

As always the board would like to hear your suggestions regarding club operations.

34 members and 1 visitor were present.

50/50 drawing won by KL7HOT, \$18.50 which he donated back to the club

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 am

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Submitted by WN4AMO Paul, Secretary.