

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association January 19, 2019

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. Anne KM4BVH for her work in building the Amateur Radio display in the Lake County Museum. All the items in the display came from LARA sources.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: 1st reading. N4KM Kevin 2nd reading: KE7BMG David, KN4NUN John, Maria Braxton.

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, \$2865.47, Sun Trust Savings 1001.52; SKFund \$1000.00; Investment Account 15,559.71, 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. Since there has only been one packet operator (NCS), the net has suspended packet operations for now. Frank KK4MBX is the ARES net manager. Frank our net manager is always looking for operators who would like to train to be a net NCS and a net NCS backup. If you are at all interested contact Frank KK4MBX. The EC along with a few other members are developing a different approach to ARES deployments in the event of a disaster, particularly Hurricanes and Tornados. W4ALR, Al is looking for help with the shelters. Field Day this year will be held at Lake County Institute of Public Service. The Club will probably operate as 3A. ICS training will probably be held in February or March.

QCWA: Net is held on Tuesday 7:30 pm on Ecolink. Lunch will be today at the Olive Garden 11:30 am. One member will be recognized for being licensed for 60 years.

SK COMMITTEE: - SK sales will be selling in February at Hamcation. A lot of good equipment is available at very good prices. Could use some members to stop by the SK table in Orlando and give the Committee members a short break.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Don K3DRS. Don reports that 318 service hours were recorded for December 2018. 3348 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.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON -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, 8 were present at the luncheon last 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.

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.

Grid Square Contest - The ARRL grid square contest began January 1, 2018 and ended December 31st. All grid square totals are kept by LOTW.. There were almost 50,000 operators in the contest. Steve KT4Q from LARA is ranked 755 with 3661 grid squares recorded. It would appear that Steve has won the lifetime membership to LARA. In 2nd place from LARA is Bill KN4BIT ranked 2756 with 1763 grids recorded. Bill will have his dues paid for a year. An operator whom a lot of us know but who will become a LARA club member, Kevin Milhorn, N4KM, is ranked 377 with 4953 grids recorded. Final numbers will be published after February 10th.

LARA Board - Please make your Amazon purchases via Amazon Smile. LARA gets a piece of the action when you make your purchases through the program. Tell all your friends about Amazon Smile and they can help us also.

Field Day - Field Day 2018 numbers have been published. The LARA Team placed 2nd in the 5A category. First place in 5A went to Sussex County ARC in NJ. They had 603 QSO's more than we did. A job well done by LARA with excellent teamwork. Some initial planning has begun for LARA Field Day 2019.

Holiday Dinner - Was Friday December 14th at The Lakes of Mount Dora clubhouse. 51 members and guests attended. This year the event is scheduled for December 6 at the Lakes of Mt Dora clubhouse.

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 or visit www.Hamcation.com and tab thru the menu line to the "contact us" and scroll down to volunteers@hamcation. When you volunteer, depending on how many hours you work, LARA will receive a check from Hamcation.

Skywarn Day - National Skywarn day was Saturday December 1st. 9 folks from LARA attended Skywarn Day at the NWS station Melbourne.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Don K3DRS was recently in the hospital for back surgery, he is now out and doing well. Both Fred NF2F and Jay N4KXO's Mother in Laws passed away recently.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER -.Stop by the Lake County Museum located in the old courthouse in downtown Tavares. Anne KM4BVH, has built a very nice display. It depicts Amateur Radio and LARA. All the items on display are from LARA sources. K4ZI John made the suggestion that more members check in to the simplex net on Monday night. KK4MBX Frank read a letter from the Villages Club requesting that an area wide simplex net be established.

36 members and visitors present.

50/50 drawing won by KA6NZU Steve, he donated back to the Club

Meeting adjourned at: 10:36 am

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Submitted by
WN4AMO Paul, Secretary.