

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association February 16, 2019

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

Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of members and guests:

Bob, WA2TWJ, Relocating from New Jersey to Florida
Jim, WA4RX, a snow bird from Virginia staying in an RV Park.

Monthly Service Honor Roll: As always Dean KM4QMB for being our yard bird. John WB4HV for his untiring SK work and Frank KK4MBX for filling in for Jay at the LARA SK sales table at Hamcation.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1st reading Michael Erwin, AA8VX, Fruitland Park.
2nd reading Kevin Millhorn, K4KM, Fruitland Park

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, \$2794 Sun Trust Savings, \$1001 SKFund, \$1000
Investment Account, \$15559 Petty Cash, \$50 PayPal, \$353
Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted.

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. Also, Steve KA6NZU has been working diligently to get the Echolink working again.

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. Al, Frank and Jay participated in a regional EOC repeater and simplex test last Wednesday. We discovered some antenna issues and Al W4ALR has addressed those issues with the Lake County radio shop. Frank and I completed the test by going mobile on the roof of the parking garage. We were I believe the only station to be able to complete the exercise. Al W4ALR presented a short history of LARA presentation.

QCWA: Net is held on Tuesday 7:30 pm on Echolink. Lunch will be today at the Olive Garden 11:30 am

SK COMMITTEE: - SK sales at Hamcation were very good and we sold a good bit of the equipment. John is sending letters to the families with the proceeds from the sale. He will be offering them a tax letter for the remainder for a donation of the remaining equipment to LARA.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Don K3DRS. Don reports that 146 service hours were recorded for January 2019. 146 hours have been recorded for the year 2019. 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. The annual Lake County recognition ceremony will be February 26th.

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, 6 were present at the luncheon this month. If you'd like to suggest another location, please let a board member know.

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. There were almost 50,000 operators in the contest. Steve KT4Q from LARA is ranked 1027 with 3754 grid squares recorded. Steve has won the lifetime membership to LARA. In 2nd place from LARA is Bill KN4BIT ranked 3475 with 1884 grids recorded. Bill will have his dues paid for a year. Letters will be sent to KT4Q and KN4BIT advising them of their awards.

An operator who just become a LARA club member, Kevin Milhorn, N4KM, was ranked 396 with 5595 grids recorded. Final numbers were published 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 -. Some initial planning has begun for LARA Field Day 2019. let me know if you'd like to be the Field Day chairman or co-chairman. It's never too early to start planning.

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

SUNSHINE REPORT: Don K3DRS, has some issues and is back in Waterman as of yesterday.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - We need to pressure wash this building and the ARES trailer. Please contact Jay or Frank as to when you would be able to help. Then we'll set up a time and date to get it done. We are thinking maybe next Saturday the 23rd weather permitting.

31 members and visitors present.

50/50 drawing won by Dave, KE7BMG and returned to the club.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:45 AM

Submitted by Frank, KK4MBX, Acting Secretary

