

## **General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association** September 21, 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:** Gordon (N3KW) for all his work behind the scenes keeping the essential pieces of our operations going. Gordon also donated a new A/C unit for our Buckhill repeater site. Jason (K4AUS) for his efforts with the ARES trailer communication upgrades, and as always Dean (KM4QMB) our yard bird.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** 1st reading: Amanda (associate member) KA3DYO Jeff. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: K4AJS Allen, KN4VSO Andrew.

A letter was received from KG4JSSZ who is running for ARRL VP of the SE Division requesting support. Letter was read for information only, LARA is not endorsing.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Was posted on the wall. Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted. The following balances were reported for August 2019. SunTrust checking \$1923.44, SunTrust Savings \$1001.55, SKFund \$1000.00; Investment Account \$17,963.60, Petty Cash \$50.00, PayPal \$200.90, Undeposited Funds \$48.00.

**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:** Everything LARA controls is up and working.

**ARES:** AI (W4ALR) is our EC- The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on the N4FLA repeater, 147.255 at 7:00 PM. Frank (KK4MBX) is the Tri Weekly/ARES net manager. If you would like to train to be a net NCS and a net NCS backup contact Frank. If you do not hear the net NCS on 147.255 at the 7:00 PM start time, remember the net backup frequency is 147.390 + 103.5. An updated Lake County frequency plan has been uploaded to the website [N4FLA.org](http://N4FLA.org) or [K4FC.org](http://K4FC.org) and go to the LCARES section. W4ALR AI made comments thanking all of the members who supported Lake County efforts during the recent hurricane. He requested that members to take the 3 required courses and obtain their badge in order to help with the next emergency. He reminded everyone that you could take your spouse to shelter.

The **ARES trailer** upgrades are almost finished. Just waiting on a few parts.

**QCWA:** Meets on 147.000 and Echolink Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM. Look for K4FC-R when you check in. The QCWA monthly luncheon is back on and is today at 11:30 at the Olive Garden in Leesburg. There is a another QCWA net on 443.150 from The Villages Friday mornings at 10:00 AM.

**LARA ALERT LAKE** – Is up and running. We used it a few times during the Hurricane Dorian deployment.

**ECHOLINK** - Is currently up and running. (147.000)

**IRLP** - The local IRLP node on 442.900 normally sits on IRLP reflector 9050 which is also known as the East Coast Reflector. They have a extensive tech net every Tuesday at 8:00PM. There is another local UHF repeater available on 442.800 + 103.5 that can be used for local UHF use.

**SARnet** - The SARnet is locally available depending on your location, from Clermont on 444.975 + 103.5 or Orlando on 444.075 + 103.5 or Brooksville on 444.825 + 146.2 It is an all UHF system that uses FDOT microwave tower sites. SARnet covers most of Florida with 35 repeaters connected and 8 more under construction. Go to [www.sarnetfl.com](http://www.sarnetfl.com) for more information. There is a SARnet weekly net at 1:00PM every Wednesday aimed primarily for the 67 County EOC's or their representative.

**DSTAR** - The KJ4TJD DSTAR repeater is up and running. There is a DSTAR net every Monday at 8:00 PM. It's on the KJ4TJD DSTAR repeater and reflector 37B. The repeater normally sits on DSTAR reflector 37C but changes to 37B for the net.

**P-25/simplex** The 147.420 to P25 link is up again. The link now has a PL tone of 103.5. You'll need to add that to your programming.

**DMR** - There are currently two DMR repeaters in Lake County. One in the North part of Lake County and the other in the South part of the County and soon a third repeater in Tavares will be added on 444.6125 + 103.5, Refer to Jason's recent reflector email as how to re-program your DMR radio. Some of the talk groups are on different time or repeater slots. The Lake County DMR repeaters are now linked to the DMR Southeast system. Go to [www.DMR-SE.org](http://www.DMR-SE.org) for more information

**SK COMMITTEE:** - We have stickers for you to place on your equipment so your spouse knows who to call when you become an SK. John (WB4HV) is working on updating the SK equipment that is available on the [K4FC.org](http://K4FC.org) web site. John reminded the members that the club will need members to help man the sk table at Hamcation.

**BUILDING MANAGER** - Frank (KK4MBX) is our building manager. Frank solicited bids from several roofing company's. The LARA board will discuss the re-roof issue at the October board meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The current vetted hour totals are 249 hours in August for a total in 2019 of 1780 hours as reported by Don (K3DRS). John (WB4HV) asked that anyone with questions or needing vetting to please stay after meeting to talk with him.

**MDBF** - We are supporting the Mt. Dora Bikefest. This is a three day event, October 4, 5 & 6. Strait (KT4YA) and Ed (N4ZIV) are attending the meetings with the MDBF folks. Strait (KT4YA) is signing up volunteers for the event. This is a large event operator wise and takes lots of volunteers. The event is capped at 1000 riders. This year there will be no markings on the pavement, participants will need to use the app **Ride With GPS**. The communication Center will be in the Chamber of Commerce building which is the old Train Station in Mt Dora. Event frequencies will be announced well ahead of the event. We would like LARA participants to use APRS when supporting Bikefest. Strait has 28 volunteers so far, he ask for all of those to stay after the meeting to go over the event.

The **LARA** annual **Holiday dinner** is scheduled for Friday December 6th. It will again be held at the Lakes of Mt. Dora clubhouse .Once again it will be catered by The Oakwood Smokehouse. Make sure you put that date on your calendar. See Dave (NP2MR) after the meeting if you'd like to RSVP early for the Holiday dinner.

**MONTHLY LUNCHEON** -The LARA Monthly Luncheon is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The luncheon is held at the Haystax Restaurant in Eustis on 441 & Kurt Streets. We meet in the backroom. Some of the members have requested that we have an occasional lunch in the Cleremont area. We will explore the possibility of meeting at the Golden Corral in Cleremont.

**LARA Board** - Please make your Amazon purchases via Amazon Smile. LARA gets a piece of the action when you make your purchases through the Amazon Smile program. Tell all your friends about Amazon Smile and they can help us also. We continue to receive checks from Amazon. Your participation is helping our treasury. The BOD ask that you contact your friends and family members and request that they list the Club as a charity member. There is no additional cost for doing this.

**WEBSITE** -. Please look at the [K4FC.org](http://K4FC.org) website from time to time. Please contact Jay (N4KXO) or Ed (N4ZIV) our webmaster if you see a need to add or subtract anything from the site. Lots of updates were completed this month.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Don (K3DRS) has been in the hospital with pneumonia and congestive heart failure. He currently is at home.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER -**

43 Members and guests were present

50/50 drawing won by KN4LSR \$25

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.

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Submitted by:

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Secretary