

## **General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association October 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:** Steve (KT4Q), John (K4CYA), and Anne (KM4BVH) for stepping up at the last minute to assist the MDBF staff in placing the direction arrows so the riders knew where to turn.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** First Reading: KN4ZDM Manuel, Mark Provus No Call yet. Second Reading: KA3DYO Jeff, Amanda Hood Associate Member.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Was posted on the wall. Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted. The following balances were reported for September 2019. SunTrust checking \$1,863.47, SunTrust Savings \$1,001.61, SKFund \$1,100.00 Investment Account \$17,794.97, 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:** Everything LARA currently controls is up and working. New antennas in the works for the Buckhill site.

**VEC Report** - 3 persons took their Technician test and passed. 1 person took his General test and passed.

**ARES:** Al (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.

The **ARES trailer** upgrades are finished. Fleet mapping will be finished soon.

**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 another QCWA net on 443.150 from The Villages Friday mornings at 10:00 AM.

**LARA ALERT LAKE** – Is up and running.

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

**IRLP** - The local IRLP node on 442.900 is normally 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** - 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, 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

**The 442.600** - The 442.600 repeater that is located located at the South Lake Hospital - The LARA board has agreed to assume ownership of that repeater. Emil (WA2UPK) is donating the repeater to LARA.

**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. We will be at Hamcation 2020 selling SK equipment.

**BUILDING MANAGER** - The LARA Board accepted the roofing bid from Eustis Roofing. Work may commence within 8 to 10 weeks.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The current vetted hour totals are 274 hours in September for a total in 2019 of 2054 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** - LARA personal did an outstanding job supporting the 2019 Mt. Dora Bikefest. The race directors and the Mt. Dora Chamber of Commerce folks were very happy with our efforts. After this meeting there will be a "hot wash" regarding the MDBF. If you participated in the MDBF please stay after this meeting.

The **LARA annual Christmas 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) or Frank (KK4MBX) after the meeting if you'd like to RSVP early for the Holiday dinner. This year's cost will be \$12.00 per person.

**MONTHLY LUNCHEON** -The LARA Monthly Luncheon is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The luncheon is currently held at the Haystax Restaurant in Eustis on 441 & Kurt Streets. LARA has a contingent of members who live in the south part of the County. We are going to try rotating the LARA monthly Luncheon to different areas around the County. The next monthly Luncheon location will be sent via the LARA email reflector and announced on the Tri-Weekly net.

**Amazon Smile** - 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 Board ask's 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. Changes to the front page wording regarding the monthly luncheon.

**JOTA** - Is the Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air. This is going on today from 8AM to 8PM. You are invited to stop by the Boy Scout camp, Camp LaNoChe, in Paisley, or you can listen for them on a 2 meter repeater (146.895), 2 meter simplex, and on HF 20 & 10 meters.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER** - The 147.225 repeater, channel 4 or Tac 3 on your frequency plan is off the air for maintenance. Nominations for the LARA officers and Directors for 2020 are needed prior to the next meeting.

31 Members and guests were present

50/50 drawing won by Det N4ILB \$17.00 - Det returned the money to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM

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Submitted by:

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Secretary