

## **General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association** November 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:**

**Monthly Service Honor Roll:** Gordon (W4GX) and Jason (K4AUS) for their efforts in replacing several antennas, especially the 147.255 antenna.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** 1st reading: W4RJA Richard, KN4ZSW Carlos, KN4IGX Jeff, Jeff Higgins Sr (no call) 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: KN4ZDM Mannel, KN4ZJX Mark.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Was posted on the wall. Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted. The following balances were reported for October 2019. SunTrust checking \$1,856.16, SunTrust Savings \$1001.61, SK Fund \$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.

**VEC report** – 4 tested, all passed.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** The 442.600 repeater is down for repair.

**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. Al met with the North Florida Director and advised that there were additional requirements to meet if you have a desire to be deployed during a disaster, see him for details. KK4MBX Frank advised that net attendance had been good. Reminder that Simplex net is this coming Monday night at 7 pm.

The **ARES trailer** upgrades are finished.

**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. HF net on Sunday afternoon.

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

**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 36 repeaters connected and 7 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. Three LARA members will be working the SK sales tables during Hamcation in February. All of the equipment for sale will be listed and placed on the wall to give the Club members first shot at purchasing any of the SK equipment at the December meeting.

**BUILDING MANAGER** - Frank (KK4MBX) is our building manager. Eustis roofing will be replacing the clubhouse roof.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The current vetted hour totals are 446 hours in October for a total in 2019 of 2487 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.

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. Social hour is at 5 pm, (BYOB) and dinner is at 6 pm.

**MONTHLY LUNCHEON** -The LARA Monthly Luncheon is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The November 13 Luncheon was held at the Oakwood Smokehouse 27745 Hwy 27 in South Leesburg. The Monthly Luncheon location each month will be sent via the LARA email reflector and will be included in the net announcements. There were 18 people at the luncheon this week.

**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. Updates are completed each month.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Carl (K8BBT) had a stent and a pacemaker installed. Don (K3DRS) still under the weather, and Fred (NF2F) is at Jacksonville Mayo.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER** - Today is the last time for nominations for the December election. Nominations will now be accepted from the floor if there are any. The following is the slate of Officers and Directors running for Office in 2020

President-KK4MBX Frank  
VP-W4ALR AL  
Secretary-N4KXO Jay  
Treasurer-NP2MR Dave

Board of Directors  
WB4HV-John  
N4NG-Dave  
K4AUS-Jason  
K3DRS-Don  
AS4UC-Glenn  
KM4QMB-Dean

39 Members and guests were present

50/50 drawing won by NP2MR Dave, \$40 he donated back to the Club

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

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Submitted by:

WN4AMO Paul  
Secretary