

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association January 18, 2020

Meeting was called to order by President KK4MBX at 10:00 AM.

Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of members and guests:

Todd Luce

Monthly Service Honor Roll:

Lenny, KD4MBN for his help in getting the generator running during the storm January 4 did some maintenance on the motor. He also repaired the electrical box on the telephone pole on the north side of the lot and is repairing our rotator.

Dean, our yard bird for keeping the grass cut and the jungle at bay.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1st reading : William Morgan (AC2BI) Domenick Murabito (WA3GTU)
Charles (Mike) Cash (KN4WUF)

2nd reading:

TREASURER'S REPORT Dave, NP2MR

Financial report was posted on the wall. Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted.

The following balances were reported for December 2019.

SunTrust checking	\$1908.65
SunTrust Savings	\$1001.64
Investment Account	\$14,469.67
Petty Cash	\$50.00
PayPal	\$82.08
SK Account	1\$200.00
Amazon Smile	212.86

SECRETARY'S REPORT Jay, N4KXO

December Minutes were emailed to all members by Paul, WN4AMO
Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted.

LARA Officers and Board for 2020

Officers			Directors	
Frank	KK4MBX	President	John	WB4HV
AI	W4ALR	Vice President	Jason	K4AUS
Dave	NP2MR	Treasurer	Dave	N4NG
Jay	N4KXO	Secretary	Glenn	AA4UC
			Dean	KM4QMB

VEC report Dave (NP2MR). NP2MR filling in for Dave (N4NG) – No testing today.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Larry, N2HBX

The 442.600 repeater is on the air with a temporary machine.
The GE Master is still being configured and will be installed when complete.

Larry (N2HBX) working on getting a voice ID for the 442.600 to comply with IRLP nodes.

ARES: AI W4ALR (EC)

ARES - Quarterly meeting schedules will be announced soon.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

**In December 282 LARA Volunteer hours were reported.
The total of 2974 Volunteer were hours reported for 2019.**

Jay, N4KXO is taking on the responsibility for recording and reporting the volunteer hours. Thanks to John, WB4HV, and Don, K3DRS, for their efforts in keeping track of our hours and to Jay for taking on this new task.

If you are vetted and have a county badge, you can report the time you spend on all LARA activities. These volunteer hours are important to LARA and Lake County, our main served agency. We get a tremendous amount of support from the county and our volunteer hours are one way of saying thanks. We encourage everyone to become part of the ARES team and secure a county badge.

LARA ALERT LAKE

An automated system to notify LARA members of significant events and ARES Activations.

On Saturday, January 4, it was used to notify our members of a Skywarn Net in response to Severe Weather Alerts for Lake County and the surrounding areas.

LARA Information Net – Frank KK4MBX (Net Manager)

The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on the N4FLA repeater, 147.255 at 7:00 PM. In December and so far in January we are averaging 13 to 15 participants on each net. All are welcome to join the net and we encourage all LARA members to join in.

Skywarn Nets are an important service activity for LARA. It allows members to report significant weather information to the National Weather Service and to allow all those on the net (and those listening) of imminent severe weather. We encourage all LARA members join these nets. It is part of why we train for nets three times a week.

Special Presentation: TODD Luce

Todd Luce has been with the Lake County Sheriff's Dept and a good friend of LARA. He has recently retired and looking to continue his service to Lake County as a County Commissioner. Please welcome Todd. Todd Luce outlined his campaign and answered questions regarding County issues.

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) Mike, K9SSL

QCWA meets Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on 147.000 and Ecolink K4FC-4, and on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM on 443.150. Mike (K9SSL) reported a problem with K4FC-R.

Their monthly luncheon the third Saturday of the month at the Olive Garden in Leesburg, all are welcome to attend.

SK COMMITTEE John, WB4HV

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 web site. John reminded the members that the club will need members to help man the SK table at Hamcation. John also said that he has a lot of really nice equipment available.

If you would like to help with the SK Committee please see John.

BUILDING MANAGER Frank, KK4MBX

The Clubhouse and other buildings need some clean up and paint. We will be looking for you to help with this activity in the spring.

Our rotator on the beam antenna stopped working. Lenny, KD4MBN, is servicing the rotator and found and corrected some problems in the controller. Unfortunately, the main problem seems to be in one of the limit switches at the top of the tower. The rotator will have to be removed, repaired, and replaced.

In November someone hit the light pole on the north side of the parking area damaging the electrical box. The damage is repaired, but we would like to know what happened and that you and your vehicle are OK.

President Frank (KK4MBX) stated a work party will be planned later in the spring to do so building re-hab.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON, Frank KK4MBX

The LARA Monthly Luncheon is the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Twelve people enjoyed the January 8 Luncheon 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. The February luncheon will be held at same location.

If you have a suggestion for a luncheon location please contact Frank, KK4MBX.

WEBSITE JAY, N4KXO

We are auditing and updating the K4FC.ORG website. Please have a look at the website and contact Jay (N4KXO) for any changes our updates.

LARA Events

HAMCATION John, WB4HV

This year we will once again be selling SK equipment at Hamcation. John, HB4HV, Jay, N4KXO, and Frank, KK4MBX, will be manning the booth. If you want to help, contact John.

March of Dimes Frank, KK4MBX

This year's March for Babies is scheduled for May 2at the National Training Center, 1935 Don Wickam Drive, Clermont. Registration starts at 7AM and the walk starts at 8. If you want to help with the event, please contact Frank, KK4MBX.

Field Day

Field day this year is June 26, 27, and 28. We need someone to step up to chair this event. We are looking forward to our event this year to be a relaxed format like last year. Event though it is quite a distance off, it is not too soon to start planning. **If you are interested in leading this event, see Frank, KK4MBX.**

Mount Dora Bicycle Festival Glenn (AA4UC)

The Mount Dora Bike Festival for 2020 is likely to be a much different event than previous years. They are introducing new events for Gravel Track, Mountain Biking, and some family events. What our involvement in these new events is still being evaluated. Glenn, AA4UC, is the chairman for this event, and will be passing along information as it emerges.

The Mount Dora Bicycle Festival is scheduled for October 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Hearts For Our Hospital (with the villages radio club) Ed, N4ZIV

Lara will be assisting the Villages radio club in supporting the Hearts for Our Hospital bicycle event this year. It is in early November. Ed, N4ZIV is the chairman for this event and will be looking for volunteers as it gets closer.

LARA Holiday Party Dave, NP2MR

Our Holiday Party for 2020 is scheduled for December 11.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Happy Birthday to Chris, KN4RNR.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER :

A reminder to not speed on Springdale Ave. Please comply with the 5MPH posted speed limit.

Wrap Up

29 Members and guests were present

50/50 drawing \$14 won by Teresa (KN4CFJ) and she donated back to the Club

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

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Submitted by:

Jay, N4KXO Secretary