

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association February 15, 2020

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

Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of members and guests:

Monthly Service Honor Roll:

Jay and Ed for working on updating our website. It always takes more work that you might expect.

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

John Walton and Jay and others who helped our SK equipment Hamcation sales

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1st reading

Scott Russell (KN4YYX)

2nd reading:

William Morgan (AC2BI)

Domenick Murabito (WA3GTU)

Charles (Mike) Cash (KN4WUF)

Jerry Voorhees (k34IFO)

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 January 2020.

SunTrust checking	\$1940.67
SunTrust Savings	\$1001.64
Investment Account	\$14,469.67
Petty Cash	\$50.00
PayPal	\$122.08
SK Account	\$1240.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT -Jay, (N4KXO)

December Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, (N4KXO)

Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted.

VEC report - Dave, (N4NG)

There was no testing in February

ENGINEERS REPORT - Larry, (N2HBX)

The 442.600 repeater is on the air with a temporary machine. We are working on a controller for the repeater so that the IRLP node can be restored.

ARES - AI (W4ALR) (EC)

ARES quarterly meeting scheduled for April 30 at the LARA clubhouse.

Discussion by AI regarding hurricane deployments. The county is expanding the primary shelters from 8 to nearly double that. Since many of our members are not able to deploy before or during the storms, we are providing a standby option during deployments in which a hurricane net will be started in conjunction with the EOC using a system similar to Skywarn. There are several communities that have their own emergency nets that should be able to be in contact with the EOC provided they have a qualified Ham operator that can join our hurricane net.

The County and LARA have a partnership that benefits us all. There is a very robust repeater system in Lake County serviced by the County. Our vetted hours help support that system.

A discussion about Winlink. A major goal for the ARES group is to be Winlink compliant. Glenn (AA4UC) is heading up this project.

The Baptist relief folks are back into emergency radio nets. AI is in communication with them to partner with them when appropriate

If any of our members want to be available to deploy outside the county, the requirements for that have changed. Currently the requirements are defined in a TAKS BOOK, that allows three levels of qualification for deployments outside of Lake County. Registration needs to be thru the ARRL NFL. For all deployments including those in the county the ICS training is required to get vetted.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, (N4KXO)

In January 155 LARA Volunteer hours were reported.
The total of 155 Volunteer were hours reported for 2020.

All vetted personnel will be invited to cookout in April in lieu of the past recognition ceremony in the County chambers for volunteer with greater than 120 hours.

Your volunteer hours are important – it benefits us all. We encourage everyone to become part of the ARES team and secure a county badge. See, AI, W4ALR, to sign up.

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 January we averaged 13 participants on each net. All are welcome to join the net and we encourage all LARA members to join in. Remember next Monday is our Simplex night, the net will be on 147.420 simplex.

Thanks to the 12 LARA members who checked into our informal Skywarn net during the storms on February 6.

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) - Mike, (K9SSL)

QCWA meets Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on 147.000 and Echolink K4FC-4, and on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM on 443.150.
If K4FC-R doesn't work – use W0OLL

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

SK COMMITTEE - John, (WB4HV)

Thanks to John, (WB4HV) and his SK Team for their efforts to sell SK Equipment at Hamcation. They sold \$2890 in equipment for SK Families and items donated to LARA. In all LARA received \$1263.

Also, thanks to John Randall (K4CYA) for stepping up and volunteering to be the SK Chairman apprentice and easing the burden on John Walton.

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

BUILDING MANAGER - Frank, (KK4MBX)

We will have a work party on Wednesday, March 4 starting about 9 AM, to pressure wash the clubhouse exterior and repair the vents on the clubhouse exterior.

A second work party will be held Saturday, March 7 starting about 9 AM, to paint the exterior woodwork and the exterior of the clubhouse if we have enough people. 8 Members signed up for these events.

Rotator – Lenny, (KD4MBN)

The rotator was removed from the Yagi beam antenna and Lenny is working on repairing the limit switches. When we reinstall, it we will need to replace the control Cable, and some of the support pieces that hold it in place.

Garage –

We need someone to head up this effort and make a recommendation to the board for what is required to repair the building and what it would cost. Please contact Frank, (KK4MBX), if you can help with this project.

Grounds Clean up – Dean (KM4QMB)

Dean will hold the yard workday on February 22nd starting at 10:00 AM. We will be taking down a few of the smaller trees and trimming back the swamp.

Dean will have chainsaws and hand tools. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their loppers or machetes and gloves.
8 Members signed up for this event.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON - Frank, (KK4MBX)

The LARA Monthly Luncheon is the 2nd Wednesday of each month. 15 people enjoyed the February 12 Luncheon at the Oakwood Smokehouse 27745 Hwy 27 in South Leesburg.

WEBSITE - JAY, (N4KXO)

Slowly making changes in conjunction with Ed (N4ZIV)

LARA Events

March of Dimes - Frank, (KK4MBX)

This year's March for Babies is scheduled for May 2 at the National Training Center, 1935 Don Wickam Drive, Clermont. Registration starts at 7AM and the walk starts at 8. The kickoff meeting for the event is February 27 so I will have more information for you in the March Meeting.

Field Day –

Field day this year is June 26, 27, and 28. We need someone to step up to chair this event. If you are interested in leading this event, see Frank, (KK4MBX).

Mount Dora Bicycle Festival - Glenn, (AA4UC)

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)

The Bike ride is scheduled for November 7

LARA Holiday Party - Dave, (NP2MR)

Our Holiday Party for 2020 is scheduled for December 11.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Gene (AD4UB) – sight degenerated – Awarded a 31 per minute certification from the ARRL

(KC4LZN)

John Wilson – chat weekdays on 147.255 passed extra at Hamcation

Tammy Griswold died 2/4 at age 80 wife of Wayne

Active in ARES / Past member of LARA They were married for 62 years.

A suggestion to change SUNSHINE report to include “old news”.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

After the meeting Glenn is bringing Roger Weed over to see and play with the Yaesu FTdx101MP. Anyone else wanting to see/operate it may also come along.

Anyone have a mobile HF that could be loaned for a couple months for testing, i.e. ft 817, FT-891, FT-818N. Anything that can be rig controlled and rx/tx in HF.

If you can help contact Ken Lyons, (KN4MDJ).

Need someone to do presentations for scouts – set up a radio for scouts at an event

Wrap Up

41 Members and guests were present

50/50 drawing \$14 won by Tom (KN4UEW) and given back to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary