

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

Meeting was called to order as a NET on our club repeater, 147.255, by President (KK4MBX) at 10:00 AM.

Check in for members and guests:

Monthly Service Honor Roll:

Lenny for repairing and returning our rotator to service.

Carlos for updating our website

Jason for updating our Facebook

The teams working with the clubhouse yard work and paint projects. Check out the pictures for these projects on the updated Web Site and Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1st reading

2nd reading:

Scott Russell (KN4YYX) (Approved)

Jerry G. Vorhees (KE4IFO) (Approved)

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, (NP2MR)

The following balances were reported for March 2020.

SunTrust checking	2126.86
SunTrust Savings	1001.67
Investment Account	10970.36
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Account	2234.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, (N4KXO)

February Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO

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

VEC report - Dave, (N4NG) (Absent)

There was no testing in January, February or March.

We had candidates for March, but the testing was cancelled due to the pandemic and we will have to evaluate the situation monthly going forward.

ENGINEERS REPORT - Larry, (N2HBX)

Repeater at South Lake Hospital and IRLP Node

The Master2 repeater has been repaired and moved in the hospital.

Unfortunately, before it could be installed, the pandemic occurred, and we

are no allowed access to the telecom room.

The repeater continues to operate on the backup radio provided by Larry, (N2HBX). He has a controller for it that can do a voice ID and could support IRLP.

We will continue the installation when we once again have access to the facility.

New DMR Server

Larry, (N2HBX), is configuring and donating a DMR repeater to the club. He is to get installed and linked in with the other DMR repeaters in the county. Most likely the repeater will be located at Advent Health Waterman to serve the central portion of the county.

They are working though some issues with setting up an internet line at the hospital.

Royal Harbor Repeater

The repeater has been donated to LARA and we will be working on transferring the coordination and taking on support of the equipment.

DSTAR Repeater KJ4TJD

The repeater was down for a bit due to a problem with the computer that it uses to connect to the internet. Paul, K3NON, has replaced the computer and the repeater is back on the air.

Apparel – Frank, (KK4MBX)

We have an additional shirt vendor that offers Club T-shirts, Field Day T-shirts, and a Golf Shirt in a variety of colors. Sample shirts are available to view. Like our other T-shirt vendor, we need to accumulate orders and send them in batches for processing. We need to have them paid for as you order them.

John (K4CYA) Asked is Striking Effects is still a LARA vendor. Answer was yes.

Strait (KATYA) jokingly asked if members on the net were wearing Amateur radio apparel during this meeting or something else.

ARES – AI, (W4ALR) (EC)

April 30, ARES MEETING

Cancelled.

HURRICANE DRILL/EXERCISE

Hurricane Drills are usually hinged on State plans for annual Hurricane exercise. This year there will be no statewide Hurricane Drill. WE have had active hurricane activity and the drills were not necessary.

Depending on the time between COVID-19 and Field Day, we will try to schedule a training session. Will see how this timeline shakes out over the next couple of weeks.

EOC Meeting Updates

Hurricane Predictions for 2020 call for an above average activity.

	NOAA Predictions	Colorado State Predictions
Named Storms	9-5	18
Hurricanes	4-8	6
Major Hurricanes	2-4	3

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, (N4KXO)

In March 143 LARA Volunteer hours were reported.
The total of 644 Volunteer were hours reported for 2020.

Thanks to Carlos, (KC4FER), Teresa, (KN4CFJ), and Chris, (KN4RNR), for completing the ICS training and starting the process to get a county badge.

Les (KK4SED) completed his FEMA ICS courses also.
There are several more in the pipeline.
This is a good time to complete those courses with all the downtime we have now.

In reviewing the mailing list for those with County Badges, we noticed that there a number of folks who have incorrect email, address, or phone numbers in the roster. We need everyone to notify the Treasurer when these items change.

We encourage everyone to become part of the ARES team and secure a county badge. See, Al, 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 7:30 PM. This is a change to allow our members to be able to watch the various press conferences as a Federal, State, and Local level.

In February we averaged 13 participants on each net and in March we averaged 18.

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.

Monthly meetings are cancelled this month.

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 WB4HV.

John (WB4HV) held an auction for a new ICOM 4100 DSTAR radio after the meeting. The ultimate winner was Carl (K8BBT)
There some recent additions to the SK inventory with some very nice equipment. Watch the K4FC web site for SK inventory updates of contact John (WB4HV).

BUILDING MANAGER - Frank, (KK4MBX)

Clubhouse and Grounds

Thanks to those who came out to our Work Parties February 22, March 4, and March 7.

Rotator

Lenny, (KD4MBN), repaired the rotator and controller and returned to service with a new control cable.

Amplifier for HF Station 1

We purchased an interface between the Kenwood radio and the AMP and Lenny, (KD4MBN), installed and tested it.

Garage

No progress, 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.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON - Frank, (KK4MBX)

The LARA Monthly Luncheon normally on the 2nd Wednesday of each month has been suspended until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. In place of the net LARA will hold an information chat net on 147.255 starting at 11AM. In April, 8 people joined the initial net.

Strait (KT4YA) suggested this is a god time to listen and respond on the repeaters around the County during all the down \time because of the “stay at home” situation.

LARA Events

March of Dimes - Frank, (KK4MBX)

This year's March for Babies May 2 has been converted into a virtual net using a phone app to track the walkers. LARA will not be involved in the event this year.

Field Day – Steve, (KT4Q)

Field day this year is June 26, 27, and 28. Many thanks to Steve, KT4Q for stepping up as chairman for the event. This year we are for six operating stations that will provide for our contest oriented members to work a maximum number of contacts, and for our more casual operators to take part in the event at a pace that is comfortable for them.

We are planning for field day will be at the Institute for Public Safety. Look for additional information from Steve as plans begin to firm up.

Mount Dora Bicycle Festival - Glenn, (AA4UC)

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

This year, LARA will support the 100, 60, and 30-mile rides on Friday and Saturday, and 40- and 30-mile rides on Sunday. We will not be involved with the Gravel and Mountain Bike events.

New for this year, LARA volunteers will be covered this year under the Chamber's MDBF insurance and provided with lunch at rest stations. Lunch will be provided for LARA volunteers also this year.

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.

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

Remember to tune to 147.255 during weather events in case we need to open a

Skywarn net.

Wrap Up

43 Members and guests checked into the net

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM AM.

Submitted by Jay, (N4KXO), Secretary