

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association May 16, 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:

Carlos for updating our website
Jason for updating our Facebook
Dean for keeping the grass at the clubhouse under control.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1st reading

Art Minier, WA2HCT

Art is a general class from The Villages. His areas of interest include VHF/UHF, Fusion, DSTAR, and ExCom. Art has paid his dues.

The process is this is your first reading and in the next meeting your application will be read again, and our members will vote on your membership.

2nd reading:

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for April 2020.

SunTrust checking	\$1930.37
SunTrust Savings	\$1000.67
Investment Account	\$10,970.36
Petty Cash	\$50.00
PayPal	\$82.08
SK Account	\$2479,00

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Jay, N4KXO

April Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO
Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted.

VEC report - Dave, N4NG (Not present)

There was no testing in April.
We have about 12 people in the queue for when we resume testing

Although there is some discussion of remote testing, the requirements and procedures for remote testing are far from finalized and LARA will not be implementing it at this time.

ENGINEERS REPORT - Larry, N2HBX

All equipment is working as it should.

Larry will try and get to the Clubhouse repeater shed next week or so to PM the Quantar repeaters in preparation for the hurricane season.

Repeater at South Lake Hospital and IRLP Node

No change. We do not have access due to the Pandemic.

New DMR Server

The repeater will be located at Advent Health Waterman to serve the central portion of the county. Larry needs a time from Jason K4AUS and AI W4ALR to complete the work.

Apparel – Frank, KK4MBX

Shirt orders have been delayed because of difficulties in the supply chain for the shirts. Our vendor is working with her suppliers and those who have ordered shirts should receive them soon.

ARES – AI, W4ALR (EC)

HURRICANE DRILL/EXERCISE

We continue to monitor the situation with the pandemic and will schedule a LARA Hurricane exercise when it seems appropriate.

With all our downtime it is a good time to update your ICS courses.

New vetted applications are in process. That process has been slowed because of Covid 19.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

In April 151 LARA Volunteer hours were reported.
The total of 795 Volunteer were hours reported for 2020.

Please let the treasure know when your contact information changes so that we can update the club roster. From time to time we have significant information to pass along and some of the messages fail because of an incorrect email address. If you did not receive an email message regarding this meeting, it is critical that you update your contact information

immediately.

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 7:30 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 April we averaged 23 participants on each net. We hope that this trend continued into the upcoming hurricane season.

Beginning in June the Tri-weekly information net will return to it's normal 7:00 PM start time.

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

QCWA meets Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on 147.000 and Echolink K4FC-R, and on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM on 443.150.

Monthly meetings on the third Saturday are suspended until restaurants are allowed to open fully.

SK COMMITTEE - John, WB4HV (Not present)

Since the last meeting we added some very nice items to the SK inventory. If you are looking to add gear to your shack, shop our SK Trailer first.

BUILDING MANAGER - Frank, KK4MBX

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. In place of the net LARA will hold an information chat net on 147.255 starting at 11AM. In May, 10 people joined the net.

LARA Events

Field Day – Steve, KT4Q

Field day this year is June 26, 27, and 28. We are planning for field day. It will be at the Institute for Public Safety. (Providing Covid 19 restrictions allow us to be at the IPS) We will be needing your help in setting up for the event Friday evening and Saturday morning, operating stations Saturday afternoon through Sunday Afternoon, and in cleaning up on Sunday afternoon. So far only a few folks have signed up to help. This is one of the larger events for LARA and your participation is key to our success. Please contact Steve, KT4Q, at kt4q@usa2net.net with any plans of attending, even if they are tentative so we can begin to formulate what the potential interest is in this year's event.

Members that checked in to this radio net were polled by Frank KK4MBX as to their availability to help a Field Day. 18 of the 32 check ins responded that could be available in some fashion.

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. Planning continues with a GO/NOGO decision point in early August.

LARA Holiday Party - Dave, NP2MR

Our Holiday Party for 2020 is scheduled for December 11.

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

No replies.

Wrap Up

32 Members and guests checked into the net

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary