

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association June 20, 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:

Steve, Jason, and Al for the efforts in planning Field Day
Jason for updating our Facebook and Frequency Plan
Dean, Jason and Chad for keeping the grass at the clubhouse under control.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1st reading

Alicia Alexander, KO4CHC

Alicia a Tech from Fruitland Park. Her areas of interest include nets, Emergency Communications and rag chewing.

Chad Harmon, KC4HAD

Chad is a Tech from Tavares

2nd reading:

Art Minier, WA2HCT

Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for April 2020.

SunTrust checking	1701.78
SunTrust Savings	1001.67
Investment Account	10,970.36
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Account	2879.00

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

There was no testing in May.

In June we held testing at the LARA Clubhouse for 3 candidates

ENGINEERS REPORT -Larry, N2HBX

Repeater at South Lake Hospital and IRLP Node

No change

New DMR Site

The repeater will most likely be located at Advent Health Waterman to serve the central portion of the county.

Larry N2HBX will be doing the annual PM on the clubhouse repeaters Friday morning June 26th. You incur some repeater down time during the PM.

Jason K4AUS reported the 147.255 repeater is now on the 100 watt repeater.

Apparel – Frank, KK4MBX

The information for ordering LARA apparel is in the K4FC web site. If you have questions please contact FRANK, KK4MBX at twfrank111@aol.com

ARES– AI, W4ALR (EC)

Updated LARA Frequency Plan

The Lake County ARES Frequency Plan is updated and posted to our web site, K4FC.org under the ARES Resources tab. Please download this document and update your radios as needed.

Emergency DRILL and Training Exercise

We have begun advance planning for an ARES training/demonstration/special event for this fall. The event will be at the Institute for Public Safety and will include county assets and potentially include ARES groups from out surrounding counties. We will have more details on the event as we get closer to the event.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

In May 132 LARA Volunteer hours were reported.

The total of 927 Volunteer hours were reported for 2020.

Many of you are not reporting your hours to Jay N4KXO. Please send him upon request your current monthly volunteer hours.

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 May we averaged 23 participants on each net. We hope that this trend continued into the upcoming hurricane season.

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.

Monthly meetings on the third Saturday are suspended.

SK COMMITTEE- John, WB4HV

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 held an information chat net on 147.255 starting at 11AM. In June, 5 people joined the net.

We will reassess the situation for July.

LARA Events

Field Day – Steve, KT4Q

Field day this year is June 26, 27, and 28. The event will be a 6A effort at the LARA Clubhouse. Those who signed up to help with set up will start setup at 3PM on Friday. Teardown will start at 2:30 PM Sunday. We will ask that you arrive at scheduled times and share rides, if possible, as we have limited parking in the clubhouse yard.

If you want to help with field day and have not signed up yet, please contact Frank, KK4MBX, at twfrank111@aol.com. WE will have the opportunity for casual use on SSB stations and will have a GOTA station for those unfamiliar with HF. We ask that you schedule time for these stations so that we can manage parking, and social distancing concerns.

This year we have some additional good news. LARA members can participate in field day from home and still have your contacts count towards the LARA Club Scores. It is a great opportunity for those who can participate as part of the K4FC team at the clubhouse. To do this you

operate from your home as a 1D station. You can work all bands and modes. When reporting your results, you indicate that you are a member of LARA. When scores are posted you will appear as an individual in the 1D station, and your scores will be accumulated with the LARA Club Score. I hope that many of you will take advantage of the opportunity and be an active part of Field Day this year.

Mount Dora Bicycle Festival - Glenn, AA4UC

The Mount Dora Bicycle Festival is scheduled for October 8, 9, 10, and 11. Their last meeting was June 10th. Mt Dora has given the Mt Dora Bikefest a tentative approval. Much more work needs to be done to be prepared. There may be another meeting in July.

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:

Ken Lyons KN4MDJ- Scouts are gearing up for an October event hosting 5 thousand Scouts – He will need some help with the event. – Contact radioscoutingus@gmail.com or the [www. radioscouting.us](http://www.radioscouting.us) website if you can help with the event.

You may want reprogram your radios with these changes. The 147.225 is now simulcasting with the 147.255 primary repeater. Both use the 147.855 input. Also if you program the 103.5 PL when transmitting on our simplex 147.420 frequency, you'll be able to access the Lake County P-25 linked system when it is active.

Wrap Up

20 Members and guests checked into the net
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary