

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association July 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:

Steve, Jason, and Al for the efforts in bringing Field Day to reality
Dean for keeping the grass at the clubhouse under control.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1st reading

Thomas (Tom) Woolford, KO4ETV
Tom is a Technician Class from Clermont and is interested in Science, Technology, Astronomy, Mechanical and Civil Engineering.
He is a 29-year-old Civil Engineering Inspector for the department of transportation and expressway authority.

2nd reading:

Alicia Alexander, KO4CHC
Alicia is a Technician Class from Fruitland Park. Her areas of interest include Nets, Emergency Communications, and Rag Chew.
Alicia's membership in LARA was approved.

Chad Harmon, KC4HAD

Chad is a Technician Class form Tavares.
Chad's membership in LARA was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for April 2020.

SunTrust checking	1445.79
SunTrust Savings	1001.70
Investment Account	13218.53
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	276.18
SK Account	2879.00

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Jay, N4KXO

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

VEC report - Dave, N4NG

In July we held testing at the LARA Clubhouse for **5** candidates for technician class
4 Passed and one of those passed the General Class test.

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.

DSTAR

There are no reported issues with DSTAR and the repeater is up and
connected to reflector 37C.

442.800 Repeater

Carl, K8BBT, reported that for a period of time the 442.800 repeater at
Royal Harbor was off-line due to the community's reaction to the COVID-
19 pandemic. The power has been restored to the tower and the repeater
is back on the air.

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 even as we get closer to the event.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

In June **301** LARA Volunteer hours were reported.
The total of **1228** Volunteer were hours reported for 2020.

We encourage everyone to become part of the ARES team and secure a county badge. See, AI, W4ALR, to sign up.

Skywarn Training

The NWS Melbourne is offering SKYWARN Training on-line with Basic Training July 20, 10-11:30 AM and Advanced Training July 20, 6-7:30 PM. Information regarding the classes and links to sign up are available at [weather.gov/media/mlb/skywarnclasses.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/mlb/skywarnclasses.pdf)

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 June we averaged 18 participants on each net. We hope that this trend continued into the upcoming hurricane season.

Also, in June we held 2 SKYWARN nets. One had 15 Participants and the other had 13. We thank all LARA members who participated. These nets are part of the services we provide to the county and our communities.

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) - Mike, K9SSL

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.

SK COMMITTEE - John, WB4HV

If you are looking to add gear to your shack, shop our SK Trailer first. John, WB4HV, will be available so that you can look over, and purchase the SK equipment. Please contact john to arrange a time.

BUILDING MANAGER - Frank, KK4MBX

At the end of field day, our toilet in the clubhouse backed up and attempts to plunge it were unsuccessful. AI, W4LR, is working on the problem.

Thanks to Lenny, KD4MBN, we have a new and more secure support for antenna tower. He installed a new support pole and moved the guy wire from the garage to the new pole.



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 July, **12** people joined the net.

We will reassess the situation for August.

LARA Events

Field Day – Steve, KT4Q

Field day this year is June 26, 27, and 28. The event turned out to be a 5A effort at the LARA Clubhouse. We had a good turnout of LARA members to help with set up and tear down in incredible heat and humidity. We are grateful and appreciative for your help.

The K4FC team at the LARA Clubhouse did very well in field day even with a very small crew and somewhat restricted space. They should place well among the 5A stations competing.

As a reminder, if you worked Field Day from home as a 1D or 1E Station, please remember to submit your results to ARRL before July 28 so that your efforts will be reflected in the LARA Club Score. If you need assistance with submitting your results, please contact Frank, KK4MBX, at twfrank111@aol.com, or any LARA Board member.

Mount Dora Bicycle Festival - Glenn, AA4UC

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

We had a short meeting on July 9 and while planning continues there is much undone. The routes and rest stops remain in progress, but more clarity is expected in the next meeting August 13. It is expected that the event will have to follow the then current CDC guidelines and

the rides will be staggered and the rest stops will be spread out so that social distancing can be maintained.

Once the routes are finalized, we will be able to determine our need to support the event and will probably be sending the call for volunteers sometime in August.

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

The Bike ride scheduled for November 7 has been cancelled

LARA Holiday Party - Dave, NP2MR

Our Holiday Party for 2020 is scheduled for December 11.
The availability to use the room at the Lakes of Mount Dora depends on COVID-19 conditions but for now we are still a go.

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

We sadness I must report that Al, W4ALR, mother passed away this week.

N4KXO reported that we are revamping the web site and the initial efforts are looking good. We don't have target for the completed update so stay tuned.

N4ELI suggested that in lieu of 50/50 you can make a donation via the web site.

KO4ETV – moving form Clermont to Leesburg very close to the clubhouse and is available to help with any maintenance to the clubhouse.

Wrap Up

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

Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary