

**General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association** November 21, 2020

**Meeting was called to order at the Lake County EOC and on Conference Call, by President KK4MBX at 10:00 AM.**

**Check in for members and guests:**

**Monthly Service Honor Roll:**

Dean, KM4QMB, and Tom, KO4ETV, for keeping the grass at the clubhouse under control.

Jason, K4AUS, for securing this facility to allow in-person meetings.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

1st reading

Kevin Hogg, KL4H

Kevin is an Extra Class from Tavares, and his areas of interest include antennas, towers, and masts. He recently moved from an HOA so he can set up a good one.

2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

Cheryl Estevez

Cheryl is new to Ham Radio and is looking to learn about our hobby.

Approved

Raymond Nightingale

Ray is new to Ham Radio and is looking to learn about our hobby.

Approved

Patrick Grudzinsky, KB3YBT

Patrick is a Technician from Leesburg, and his areas of interest include Emergency Communications. He is a former LARA member returning after a short absence.

Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR**

The following balances were reported for October 2020.

SunTrust checking	1528.67
SunTrust Savings	1,001.73
Investment Account	13,802.21
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	338.85
SK Fund	1,000.00

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO**

October Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO  
Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted. The minutes from the last meeting were updated to show the correct callsign for KC2ARX.

### **VEC report – Dave, N4NG**

In November we held testing at the LARA Clubhouse for 5 candidates  
2 techs 3 generals All Passed  
Testing next month is 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

### **ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX**

All LARA repeaters are up and running without issue  
Should be able to get to it very soon

### **DSTAR – Paul K3NON**

The KJ4TJD DSTAR repeater is operating with no known issues. It sits normally on Reflector 037. Any operator is welcome to link it to another reflector but when finished you are requested to return it to reflector 037

### **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 – Al, W4ALR (EC)**

#### **ARES Meeting and Training,**

ARES activities have been postponed until the first quarter of 2021 due to the pandemic. Al and Jason are putting together a program for 2021.  
We are nearing the end of hurricane season, but we need to stay alert for tornados during the winter months.

#### **Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO**

In October 77 LARA Volunteer hours were reported. A total of 1809  
Volunteer hours have been reported for 2020.

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

#### **SKYWARN Training**

The National Weather Service is offering SKYWARN Spotter Basic On-Line Training in December. For information on these classes go to  
[www.weather.gov/mlb/skywarn](http://www.weather.gov/mlb/skywarn).

### **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 October we averaged 22 participants on each net and had no SKYWARN nets,

### **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.

No meetings in November or December. Will try to have meetings again in January.

It was reported that K4FC-R is not working (Echolink).

### **SK COMMITTEE – John, WB4HV**

If you are looking to add gear to your shack, shop our SK Trailer first.

### **Web Site Update – Frank, KK4MBX**

The updates to our Web Site are complete and the new website is live on a new server supported by Carlos.

The reflector has been moved to the new server as well. You were sent emails from “mailing list manager” asking for you confirm your email address. If you have not received the email, need a new one sent to you please contact Frank ([TWFRANK1111@AOL.COM](mailto:TWFRANK1111@AOL.COM)) or Carlos ([kc4fer@lusotech.com](mailto:kc4fer@lusotech.com)).

### **BUILDING MANAGER – Frank, KK4MBX**

The toilet repair at the clubhouse is complete and the septic tank has been pumped. During the pumping we noticed there is some root infiltration in the pipe between the clubhouse and the tank. We will need to replace the pipe at some point but for now the project is complete.

Many thanks to Bill, KC2ARX, Al, W4ALR, and Jason, K4AUS for their help with the project.

Our sign out by 473 needs to be replaced or updated. It is in poor shape especially when you approach from the south. The sign was purchased from Graphics Direct in Clairmont. So far there has been no progress on this project.

### **MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Frank, KK4MBX**

The LARA Monthly Luncheon normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month has been suspended. In place of the net LARA holds an informal rag chew net on 147.255 starting at 11 AM. In November, 5 people joined the net.

### **LARA Events**

#### **LARA Holiday Party – Dave, NP2MR**

The Holiday Party for this year is cancelled.

## **HAMCATION 2021**

OARC has decided canceled the 2021 Hamfest.  
The 2022 event, which will now be the 75th annual.

### **LARA Officers and Board Elections**

Nominations for LARA Officers and Board Members opened in October and will close with this meeting. The election will be by those in attendance at the December meeting. We are working on expanded in-person availability for December.

So far, the current officers and Board of Directors are running for re-election. Are there any nominations for LARA Officers or Directors at this point?

Would anyone like to speak on behalf of and candidate? None.

The Nomination for Officers and Directors is now closed.

Since all candidates are running unopposed, there will be no need for an election in the December Meeting. The Secretary will place one vote for each in the record. The entire board will be re-elected by acclamation.

### **Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:**

In 2021, we would like to bring more content to the club meetings. If you have a topic you would like to learn more about, or present to the membership, please contact a Board member with your suggestions.

### **Ham License training opportunity**

The Villages Amateur Radio Club is holding in person license classes starting in January and will run to the end of February 2021. Classes will meet once a week for seven weeks followed by an ARRL/TVARC sponsored FCC license exam on Monday March 1, 2021. The classes are free and open to the public.

Technician Class on Monday evenings, Jan 11 thru Feb 22, 2021.

General class will be on Tuesday evening Jan 12, thru Feb 23, 2021.

### **Please register online**

For class details, schedules and registration go to : [www.K4VAC.com](http://www.K4VAC.com) and go to the "see exams" tab. If you have any questions, contact Brad KN9B at [kn9b@arrl.net](mailto:kn9b@arrl.net).

### **Wrap Up**

We expect that the December meeting will be at the EOC in a similar format. We are working on expanded in-person availability for December.

29 Members and guests attended in person or via the conference bridge.

59/50 drawing was win by Jay N4KXO - \$18.00 returned to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

**Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary**