

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association December 12, 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.

Carlos, KC4FER, for the updates to our website and reflector.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1st reading

Bret D Barker, K4MXW

Bret is a General Class from Tavares, and his areas of interest include HF, DMR, and ARES

2nd 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. Approved pending dues payment.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for November 2020.

SunTrust checking	1668.67
SunTrust Savings	1001.73
Investment Account	13802.21
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Fund	1000.00

It is that time again for dues, they can be paid on our website, at the next meeting on December 12th or by mailing a check to me at the address below payable to LARA in the amount of \$40.00.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

November Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO

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

VEC report – Dave, N4NG

In November we held testing at the LARA Clubhouse for 6 candidates

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

All LARA repeaters are up and running without issue

The IRLP link in South Lake is back on the air. Thanks to Emil, WA2UPK and Joe, KM4WZD for their help in get it restored.

The Echolink connection is up.

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,

No updates

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

In November 147 LARA Volunteer hours were reported. A total of 1956 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.

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 November we averaged 24 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 meeting in December. QCWA will try to have in person meetings again in January.

SK COMMITTEE – John, WB4HV

If you are looking to add gear to your shack, shop our SK Trailer first. John WB4HV will work with Carlos KC4FER to get pictures of equipment on the web site.

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, KC4FER.

The reflector has been moved to the new server as well. After a brief transition period we are back up and operational.

BUILDING MANAGER – Frank, KK4MBX

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 Clermont. So far there has been no progress on this project.

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 holds an informal rag chew net on 147.255 starting at 11 AM. In December, 6 people joined the net.

LARA Election

The Secretary has placed into the record one vote for each person on the election slate for 2021. Your LARA board will be:

Frank	KK4MBX	President
Al	W4ALR	Vice President
Dave	NP2MR	Treasurer
Jay	N4KXO	Secretary
John	WB4HV	Director
Dave	N4NG	Director
Jason	K4AUS	Director
Glen	AA4UC	Director
Dean	KM4QMB	Director

LARA Events

HAMCATION 2021

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

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 and go to the “see exams” tab. If you have any questions, contact Brad KN9B at kn9b@arrl.net.

Wrap Up

President Anders (KK4MBX) presented the 2020 Presidents award to John Walton (WB4HV)

We expect that the January meeting will be at the EOC in a similar format.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM

Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary