

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association June 19, 2021

Meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse .by President KK4MBX at 10:00 AM.

Check in for members and guests:

Monthly Service Honor Roll:

Dean, KM4QMB AND Tim, K9BAW for keeping the grass at the clubhouse under control.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Joseph P Zirbes, KO4QPZ

Joe is a Technician from Leesburg who took our New Ham Training last month and passed his test. He took his General this morning and passed. His interests include Ham Radio, Fishing, and Hiking.

Jack "Cliff" Neve, KO4QPK

Jack is a new Ham from Groveland who took our New Ham Training last month and passed his test for Technician and General. He took his Extra this morning and passed. His interests include all aspects of Ham Radio especially emergency communications.

Mark O'Keefe, KI4ZKE

Mark is a General from Tavares. His interests include ARES, RACES, and DMR. He has paid for a Life Membership in LARA.

John Patterson, KO4QPY

John passed his technician test at our New Ham class last month. John is from Paisley and his interests include Building and repairing radio equipment.

The members present voted to accept all as LARA members.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for May 2021.

SunTrust checking	5088.10
SunTrust Savings	1001.79
Investment Account	17,231.15
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	145.08
SK Fund	1835.00

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

May Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO

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VEC report – Dave, N4NG

In May we held a New Ham Training class at the Lake County EOC. We had 14 participants with varying degrees of experience with radio operations and one candidate that was 8 years old. In all we have 7 new hams. Thanks to all those who helped make the event a success.

In June we held testing at the LARA Clubhouse for 4 candidates. 5 elements 3 generals and an extra.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

All installed LARA repeaters are up and running without issue.

June Presentation

Garry, KB3ADM –Gave a presentation on the community preparedness plans and a recent drill.

Apparel – Frank, KK4MBX

The information for ordering LARA apparel is in the K4FC web site. If you have questions please contact FRANK, KK4MBX, at kk4mbx@outlook.com

Jamey W4CGX, arranged for a great design for this year's shirt and distributed them to the members that were present.

ARES – AI, W4ALR (EC)

AI, W4ALR and Jamey, W4CGX, took the LARA ARES trailer to the Sheriff's office for a show and tell Saturday, June 5. They demonstrated the trailer and its capabilities for non-ham visitors and prepped the trailer for use in field day.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

In May 298 LARA Volunteer hours were reported. A total of 918 Volunteer hours have been reported for 2021.

We encourage everyone to become part of the ARES team and secure a county badge. See, AI, W4ALR, to sign up. We continue to follow up with the county on the badges for those who have completed the training.

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 17 participants. A slight drop-off from our previous months possibly due to summer travel and snowbirds returning home. Also, we had no SKYWARN nets in May, but as summer weather returns, we need to stay alert for severe weather.

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.

The QCWA monthly Luncheons are suspended until November.

SK COMMITTEE – John, WB4HV

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

We are working on preparing for an SK SALE for LARA members. We have accumulated an amount of equipment that has been donated to the club and will be able to make some excellent deals. Look for more information in upcoming meetings.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Frank, KK4MBX

The LARA Monthly Luncheon June 9, at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg had 15 people attending. We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon in July.

LARA Events

Field Day

Field Day 2021 is the last full weekend in June. That is June 26 and 27. We be able to return to the Institute for Public Safety this year. If you can help with Setup, Tear Down, or operation, contact Frank, KK4MBX, at KK4MBX@outlook.com. We need your involvement to make the event a success. Your involvement in the event are the key to success.

The ARRL continues to allow stations to work from their homes and still contribute to the club score. We encourage LARA members to take advantage of this opportunity and boost the LARA club score.

Mount Dora Bike Festival

Glenn, AA4UC, continues to stay close to the organizers and will provide updates as they emerge.

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)

JOTA is a scouting event that promotes Ham Radio. This year we would like to expand our presence and support for the activity. Expect updates from Dean, KM4QMB, as they year goes on.

Hearts for Our Hospital

The bike event in The Villages occurs in early November. Ed, N4ZIV, will provide updates in late summer.

Holiday Party

We are planning the party for December 10 and are hoping to return to the Lakes of Mount Dora clubhouse this year. Expect updates from Dave, NP2MR later in the year.

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

Ride for Ronald event in orange county.
Brad Castelli – training classes – October general
Rick – food for field day

Wrap Up

31 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$10.00 was won by Guest, who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you,

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM

Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary