

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association July 17, 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:

Alexander Roth

Alexander is a prospective ham from Eustis working on his technician license. He is looking to learn the basics of ham radio.

John Dolan, WB4YAL

John is an Extra from Leesburg, and his interests include CW, rag chew, digital modes, and VHF experimentation.

Patrick Smith, AE4PS

Patrick is an Extra and his interests include Interest Aviation, EmComm, and he wants to learn Morse Code.

The members present voted to accept all as a LARA member.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for June 2021.

SunTrust checking	6556.88
SunTrust Savings	1001.82
Investment Account	18254.38
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Fund	1020.00

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

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VEC report – Dave, N4NG

In July we Had no testing.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

All installed LARA repeaters are up and running without issue.

The IRLP node at the clubhouse (442.900) is down due to equipment problems. We are working on getting it back on the air. The link at the South Lake Hospital (442.600) remains on the air. And you can reach IRLP on DMR Talk Group 3129973.

June Presentation

Field Day and Mount Dora Parade follow up discussion and report.

Despite some rainy weather to start, we had a successful Field Day 2021 this year is last weekend at the Institute of Public Safety (IPS). Thanks to all the LARA members who helped with the setup, operation and tear down activities, Jason, K4AUS, and his team from the Lake County Sheriff's Department, and the many LARA members who worked Field Day at home. Your combined efforts made this Field Day the best ever. Check out the many pictures on our club Facebook page.

The outcomes reported to ARRL Include:

QSOs

CW	1972 x 2=	3944
SSB	909 x 1=	909
Dig	190 x 2=	380

Total 5233 X 2 (low Power)	=	10,466
Bonus	=	1,470
Total	=	11,936

The Mount Dora 4th of July parade that was held on July 3rd, was another rainy-day event, but our team worked to help get the floats lined up and on their way down Donnelly Street. We kept the announcer up to date on the evolving order of the floats. The event organizer was very appreciative of our efforts and in continuing event support from LARA.

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

ARES – AI, W4ALR (EC)

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

In June 352 LARA Volunteer hours were reported. A total of 1270 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. Glenn AA4UC is now our ARES Administrative EC. Glenn's position was added by the LARA board to assist AI, W4ALR our EC. After a meeting with the EOC staff, some changes in how we report volunteer "vetted" hours will occur.

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. About the same as May. Also, we had no SKYWARN nets in June, 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.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Frank, KK4MBX

The LARA Monthly Luncheon July 14, at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg had 12 people attending. We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon on August 11th.

LARA Events

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.

Christmas 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:

Jay, N4KXO

Our repeaters are set to have a timeout after 3 minutes of continuous operation. If you exceed that limit you will hear a series of BEEPS and the repeater will drop. It will come back after a short time. Please take a short pause in your conversation periodically and allow the repeater to drop to avoid this.

The only exceptions are the repeaters connected to IRLP.

Larry, N2HBX

After a year off in 2021, Hamcation returns to Orlando on February 22, 2022. This year is significant as it will also host the 2022 National Convention. As you might expect the Orlando Club is looking for volunteers to help in many areas. Volunteering for this event has many benefits to you and to LARA. For 4 hours of volunteering, you get a free ticket to the event. For 8 hours you get a meal. At the end of the event LARA receives a contribution from the Orlando Club proportional to the hours LARA members volunteered. Contact the Orlando Club for more information.

LARA's SK committee will have a booth at the event, if you want to help with our sales effort contact any member of the SK Committee.

Dean, KM4QMB

The digipeater that will be used for our WinLink Node is up and operational. If you want to work with WinLink, you can use this system to connect to the Orlando node. That frequency is 145.770 the old SEDAN frequency. The SEDAN station is no longer operational. Once we work through the details of establishing a node you can expect more information and some training on using WinLink.

Wrap Up

26 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$25.00 was won by Alex Roth, who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you,

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary