

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association September 18, 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.

Jay, N4KXO, and Glenn, AA4UC, for upgrading our security camera system

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Michael Teninty, KO4SLK

Michael is a Technician from Groveland, and his interests include Skywarn, ARES, and RACES.

Michael was voted on and approved for membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jay N4KXO for Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for August 2021.

SunTrust checking	3115.50
SunTrust Savings	4001.82
Investment Account	18254.38
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	304.74
SK Fund	1180.00

In August we received \$21.34 from Amazon Smile.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

August Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO

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VEC report – Dave, N4NG

In September we held testing at the LARA Clubhouse for 3 candidates. All Passed

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

All installed LARA repeaters are up and running without issue.

We were able to obtain a manual for the repeater at South Lake Hospital and will correct the call sign message soon.

We continue to work on getting the IRLP node at the clubhouse (442.900) back on the air. We now have all the parts we need and expect to complete the installation in the next few weeks. The link at the South Lake Hospital (442.600) remains on the air. And you can reach IRLP on DMR Talk Group 3129973.

We are experiencing problem with Echolink and have reached out to Steve Ray, KA6NZU, who supports this system. If you have problems with using Echolink, please let us know.

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 – Al, W4ALR (EC), Glenn Cassleman, AA4UC

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

In August 143 LARA volunteer hours were reported. A total of 1552 volunteer hours have been reported for 2021.

Glenn is working with the County Emergency Management Team to get the list of the emergency shelters and the 10 that are high priority for coverage. We have several active ARES Members but only two have agreed to cover a shelter. We need more folks to get involved and help man the shelters in an emergency. We encourage everyone to become part of the ARES team and secure a county badge. See, Al, W4ALR, or Glenn, AA4UC, 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 August we averaged 18 participants.

Also, we had no SKYWARN nets in August. We are now in the midst of hurricane season; we need to stay alert for sever weather and join the SKYWARN nets as they are called.

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 October.

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 September 8, at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg had 11 people attending. We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon October 13th.

LARA Events

Mount Dora Bike Festival

Glenn, AA4UC, continues to work with the Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce in preparing for the upcoming event October 8, 9, and 10. If you signed up to help you should be seeing assignments as schedules from Glenn.

As usual we could use a few more people to help support the event. This year, you will be provided a lunch for the days you serve.

If you can help, please contact Glenn, AA4UC, to sign up.
glennccass@comcast.net

National Night Out in Clermont

The city of Clermont is doing their National Night out event October 5th at Waterfront Park from 4-9pm. This event features many service organizations clubs and Public Safety entities and draws thousands of attendees.

This is a good opportunity to promote LARA and our ARES group in the county and especially in the growing part of South Lake County. If you can help with this event please contact Jason, K4AUS at Jason Matthews
jasonmatthews.rf@gmail.com.

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) will be 5 Saturdays in October. On the 3rd weekend, LARA will be there with our ARES trailer. This is a great opportunity to bring Ham Radio to the next generation. If you can help, please contact Ken Lyons, KN4MDJ, at kn4mdj@gmail.com

Hearts for Our Hospital

The bike event in The Villages occurs in early November. Ed, N4ZIV, indicated there some new folks involved with the event but they will be needing assistance from LARA members to support the event. We expect more details by the next meeting, so stay tuned...

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.

Hamcation 2022

Hamcation returns to Orlando on February 11-13, 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,

Those wishing to volunteer should go to hamcation.com. Under the "Event Info" tab is a link to the Volunteer signup area. There they will find the various committees they can sign up to assist, and what days they would like to help.

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

Don Bierly, KJ4VOE, a longtime member of LARA passed away September 7, from complications from COPD. His contributions to LARA are appreciated and he will be missed.

Wrap Up

20 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$18 was won by N4KXO, who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you,

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM

Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary