

**General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association** October 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse by Secretary N4KXO 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:**

Alan Holden,  
Alan is a Technician from Eustis

Kurt Wolfgang Mikat, KU0T  
Kurt is an Extra from Groveland

Both were voted in.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Jay N4KXO for Dave, NP2MR**

The following balances were reported for September 2021.

SunTrust checking	2,678.64
SunTrust Savings	4,001.90
Investment Account	17,933.46
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	96.29
SK Fund	1280.00

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO**

September minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO

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**VEC report – Dave, N4NG**

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

**ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX**

The N4FLA Repeater, 147.255, is down for maintenance for several weeks.

During that period our primary frequency will be 147.390, also known as Channel

8 on our frequency plan.

The 442.800 repeater (Royal Harbor) is off the air.

All other installed LARA repeaters are up and running without issue.

### **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](mailto:kk4mbx@outlook.com)

### **ARES – AI, W4ALR (EC), Glenn Cassleman, AA4UC**

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

In September 150 LARA volunteer hours were reported. A total of 1702 volunteer hours have been reported for 2021.

#### **LARA Information Net - Frank KK4MBX (Net Manager)**

The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. While the N4FLA repeater is down for maintenance we will meet on 147.390, also known as channel 8, or Central Lake on our frequency chart at 7:00 PM.

In September we averaged 18 participants and had 9 active net control stations. Also, we had no SKYWARN nets in September.

As hurricane season continues through November, we need to stay alert for severe 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 on the third Saturday of the month at the Olive Garden in Leesburg.

### **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 October 13, at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg had 12 people attending. We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon November 10.

### **LARA Events**

#### **Mount Dora Bike Festival**

Glenn, AA4UC, led the effort to support the Mount Dora Bicycle Festival October 8, 9, and 10. Thanks to Glenn and all those who came out for this event.

### **National Night Out in Clermont**

Jason, K4AUS led the team supporting the National Night Out event at Waterfront Park, Clermont on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all those who helped with this event.

### **Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)**

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) continues throughout October. This weekend LARA has a team helping with the event. Thanks to Ken, KN4MDJ, Jason, K4AUS, Dan, KN4QMB and all those who helped with the event.

### **Hearts for Our Hospital**

The bike event in The Villages is scheduled for November 13, if you can help with this event please contact Ed, N4ZIV, at occurs in early November. Ed, N4ZIV, [enance@nancebiz.com](mailto:enance@nancebiz.com).

### **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](http://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:**

Nominations were accepted for LARA Officers and Directors. Nominations will be accepted thru the November general meeting.

### **Wrap Up**

**20** Members and guests attended in person.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM

**Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary**