

**General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association** November 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse by 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.

Jamey, W5CGX, and Bret K4MXW, repair work on the ARES trailer.

Lenny KD4MBN for repairs to the LARA Generator and replacing overhead lights in the clubhouse.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS – Dave, KE7BMG**

John M. Sokol, K9JMS

John is a General from Leesburg. He is an Eagle Scout (1974) and interested in youth in Radio. He spends a lot of time with FT8 and Ft4, 6 and 160M and portable QRP.

Blair Thomas Burns, KO4URM

Blair is a Technician from Clermont who is studying for this Technician license. His interests include emergency communications and exploring HAM radio and DMR.

Charles Norman, KO4ULM

Charles is a Technician from Orlando. He has not indicated any areas of interest.

All were approved for membership.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Dave, NP2MR**

The following balances were reported for October 2021.

SunTrust checking	3,341.69
SunTrust Savings	4,001.90
Investment Account	17,933.46
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	230.55
SK Fund	1280.00

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

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO**

October minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO

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## **VEC report – Dave, N4NG**

In November we held testing at the LARA Clubhouse for 5 candidates 4 passed.  
1 extra 1 general and 3 techs

There will be no testing in December.

## **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. Its probably a good idea to set a TQSL on your radio to prevent digital noise.

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

Winlink node is operational in test mode.

## **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**

### **G-2300 Intermediate Emergency Operation Center Function Training**

Lake Office of Emergency Management will be offering G-2300 “Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Function” course Wednesday, January 26 to Friday, January 28 at the county OEC in Tavares. You must attend all three days and meet specific prerequisites. Please contact Glen, AA4UC or click on the icon below for more information.



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

In October 344 LARA volunteer hours were reported. A total of 2046 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 October we averaged 21 participants and had 9 active net control stations. In October we had one SKYWARN Net for severe thunderstorms in our area. 15 LARA members joined the net that lasted a little over 2.5 hours.

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. We have a lot of new equipment in the SK Inventory, you may want to check with John for that new gear for your shack.

### **MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Frank, KK4MBX**

The LARA Monthly Luncheon November 10, at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg had 12 people attending. We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon December 8.

### **LARA Events**

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

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Jamboree on The Air (JOTA) throughout October.

There will be an event in May to celebrate the Centennial of Scouting in FL. Details are being worked out

#### **Hearts for Our Hospital**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the bike event in The Villages

#### **Christmas Party**

Tickets are on sale for the LARA Christmas Party, December 10, at the Lakes of Mount Dora Clubhouse. BYOB cocktails from 5 to 6 PM and dinner catered by Oakwood Smokehouse, begins at 6PM. The cost is \$20.00 per person. See Dave, NP2MR, following the meeting to purchase tickets.

#### **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.

### **Nominations for LARA Officers and Directors**

Nominations are now closed. There were no other nominations presented at this meeting.

At the December meeting the Secretary will place on the record 1 vote for those who have been nominated. They are:

President	Glenn AA4UC
Vice President	Jason K4AUS
Secretary	Jay N4KXO
Treasurer	Dave NP2MR

Director	John WB4HV
Director	Dave N4NG
Director	Frank KK4MBX (Past President)
Director	Dean KM4QMB
Director	Dave KE7BMG (Nominated to fill open spot)

### **Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:**

Sadly, we report the passing of Tom Sloan, WB4VWZ. Tom was a valued member of LARA and he will be missed

### **December Meeting**

As usual, our LARA Membership Meeting in December will be one week earlier than usual, on December 11 as there are always many competing events in December and many of our members travel over the holidays.

### **Wrap Up**

The 50/50 drawing for \$30.00 was won by Jeff, KO4NCC, who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you, Jeff.

33 Members and guests attended in person

Meeting adjourned at 10::52 AM

**Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary**