

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association December 11, 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.

Glenn, AA4UC, for getting the IRLP on 442.900 back on the air.

Dave, NP2MR, for setting up the LARA Christmas Party

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS – Dave, KE7BMG

Edwin R, Rubick, KO4SZP

Edwin is a Technician from The Villages and is exploring the options available in Ham Radio.

He was accepted into LARA.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for November 2021.

SunTrust checking	3427.95
SunTrust Savings	4001.90
Investment Account	17933.46
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	113.26
SK Fund	2481.00

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

Got a check from Amazon for \$41.43

In Nov we took in \$835 more than spent. For the year we took in \$4,865 more than we spent.

The majority of those funds were from SK sales which were \$6,947.00.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

November minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO

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

VEC report – Dave, N4NG

There was no testing in December. Our normal testing program will resume in January.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

The N4FLA Repeater, 147.255, remains down for maintenance.
All other installed LARA repeaters are up and running without issue.
IRLP on 442.900 is back on the air.
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

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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Skywarn On-Line testing for 2022

The National Weather Service is offering on-line Skywarn classes:
BASIC, Saturday January 15 10AM-Noon;
BASIC Monday February 7 2-4 PM.
ADVANCED Friday March 18 10 AM to Noon.
For more information see <https://go.usa.gov/xvH9a>

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

In November 236 LARA volunteer hours were reported. A total of 2282 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 November we averaged 18 participants and had 9 active net control stations. We had no SKYWARN Nets.

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.

No lunch meeting in December

The QCWA monthly Luncheons are on the third Saturday of the month at the Olive Garden in Leesburg at 11:30.

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

LARA Events

Field Day 2021

Many thanks and congratulations to all those who worked on our Field Day 2021 event. Your efforts have paid huge dividends as LARA placed:

First in the 5A Classification Nationally

First among all stations in Florida

Fourteenth among all station Nationally.

Christmas Party

Thanks to everyone who attended the LARA Christmas Party yesterday. This year we had record turnout for the event. We had an outstanding turn out for the event.

Glenn, AA4UC, received the Presidents Award for this year and Frank, KK4MBX, received a special Board of Director Award for his leadership leading to two outstanding Field Day events.

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.

Election for LARA Officers and Directors

Our Secretary, N4KXO, placed on the record 1 vote for those who have been nominated. Your leadership team for 2022 is:

President	Glenn AA4UC
Vice President	Jason K4AUS
Secretary	Jay N4KXO
Treasurer	Dave NP2MR
Director	Frank KK4MBX
Director	Dean KM4QMB
Director	John WB4HV
Director	Dave N4NG
Director	Dave KE7BMG

Thanks to everyone for your help and support during my time as President. I am looking forward to an active year in 2022 proving many opportunities for everyone to get involved with club activities.

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

LARA Member Kurt, KU0T, has suffered a stroke and is in the South Lake Hospital. We don't have any additional information on his conditions but will send an update when we receive one.

The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club is holding a Hamfest on January 21 and 22. For more information visit WWW.SWFLHAMFEST.INFO.



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Wrap Up

The 50/50 drawing for \$16 was won by N4KXO, who returned the winnings to the club.

20 Members and guests attended in person

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM

Submitted by Jay, N4KXO, Secretary