

**General Meeting Agenda of Lake Amateur Radio Association** January 15, 2022

**Meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse** by President Glenn (AA4UC) at 10:00 AM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Check in for members and guests:**

**Monthly Service Honor Roll:**

Dean, (KM4QMB) and Tim, (K9BAW) for vegetation control around the clubhouse.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

Joseph LeBlanc (KO4FRR)  
General class  
Sorrento, FL  
Dues paid

Steve Germaine (No call sign yet)  
Passed Tech today  
Groveland, FL  
Dues paid

Aaron Smith (N1ZFL)  
Extra class  
Eustis, FL  
Dues paid

All 3 were accepted as LARA members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, (NP2MR )**

The following balances were reported for December 2021.

SunTrust checking	3360.81
SunTrust Savings	4002.00
Investment Account	18879.16
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Fund	1892.50

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

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

December Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, (N4KXO )

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

## **VEC report – Dave, (N4NG)**

3 applicant tested today and they all passed..

The VE team tested 62 applicants in 2021.

## **ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, (N2HBX)**

The N4FLA repeater 147.255 is down for maintenance. It will take several weeks to complete. During the interim, the LARA primary repeater will be the Central Lake 147.390 P25 machine which is channel 8 on the LARA frequency plan. So you don't have to listen to the P25 data bursts, tone sql your transceiver.

Larry (N2HBX) and Maria have graciously purchased and will donate upon arrival 3 Mosley Tri-Beam antennas to replace the rather well worn antennas we have been using for Field Day.

The DSTAR repeater is working. It isn't connected to the Internet. We are working on a solution to this issue.

## **Apparel – Frank, KK4MBX**

Our t-shirt vendor has gone out of business. Frank (KK4MBX) is looking for a new one and will have more information soon.

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

In December 150 LARA volunteer hours were reported. A total of 2552 volunteer hours have been reported for 2021.

## **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.

The LARA Information Nets remains strong with nets three times a week.

In December we averaged 18 with a range of 6 to 26 attendees per net.

For 2021, the net attendance averaged 19 with a range of 6 to 29 attendees.

## **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.

## **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 in January had 14 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ARES – Jamie (W4CGX)** Jamey has taken over the ARES EC position for LARA/ARES. He plans on setting up quarterly training. Strait (KT4YA) has first aid kit contents information. Contact him for more info.

## **LARA Events**

### **Mount Dora Bike Festival**

Glenn (AA4UC) will lead LARA for the 2022 event.

The MDBF has been issued a check in the amount of \$1,000 to LARA for assistance provided for the MDBF in 2021.

### **Field Day 2022**

Glenn (AA4UC) will lead this event.

### **Chairman Needed for the Following Events:**

March of Dimes, March for Babies Strait (KT4YA) will chair  
Mount Dora July 4<sup>th</sup> parade- TBA  
Hearts for our Hospital. Frank (KK4MBX) and Jay (N4KXO) will co-chair

### **Hamcation 2022**

Hamcation returns to Orlando on February 11-13, 2022. This year is significant as it will also host the 2022 National Convention. 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 out.

The East Coast Reflector will have a meet and greet for about ½ hour in the presentation tents on Saturday morning at 10:15 AM.

### **Property Book Officer**

The Board of Directors has affirmed the need for a LARA Property Book Officer to be in charge of the inventory of the physical equipment belonging to LARA. Items owned by LARA over the value of \$100.00 will be subject to audit. Items held by the SK committee will be the only exemption to this audit as long-standing accountability has been successfully demonstrated. Cliff (Jack) (KO4QPK) has volunteered to be the property book officer.

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

#### **The K3LR Story Video Presentation**

This Zoom video presentation was presented by K3LR to the East Coast Reflector last month.

K3LR is TIMOTHY J DUFFY The owner and CEO of DX Engineering.

The K3LR Contest Station:

11 operating positions. Two operators, radios, and single band amplifiers per position

22 ICOM 7850's (well north of a ¼ million dollars alone) 13 towers

#### **Wrap Up**

A demonstration on how to access the East Coast Reflector Zoom room Application was demonstrated by Glenn (AA4UC).

30 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$19.00 was won by Dave (KE7BMG), who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you,

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM

**Submitted by Jay, (N4KXO), Secretary**