

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association February 19, 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) & Tim (K9BAW) for vegetation control around the clubhouse.

Ken Lyons (KN4MDJ) for replacing the clubhouse tri-bander

John (WB4HV), John (K4CYA), Frank (KK4MBX) & Jay (N4KXO) for their efforts on behalf of the SK team at Hamcation.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Charles M. Taylor K2CMT General/ Approved for membership
Nick Hopkins KO4PPD General / Approved for membership

TREASURER’S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for August 2021.

SunTrust checking	4161.37
SunTrust Savings	4002.00
Investment Account	18879.16
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	753.88
SK Fund	1050.00

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

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VEC report – Dave, N4NG

2 applicants tested today, and he/she passed their Technician class.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

The N4FLA repeater 147.255 is down for maintenance. It will take some time 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.

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 callsign has been changed on the 442.600 repeater at South Lake. It is now identifying as K4FC.

Apparel – Frank, KK4MBX

Frank (KK4MBX) has found another established company in Mount Dora (Data Graphics) that could make the club and Field Day T-shirts similar to what we got from our old vendor. The shirts would be screen printed and the customization would be added using a vinyl transfer. The price of the shirts would be \$15 for small through 2XL and \$18.00 for larger sizes. The minimum order would be 24 shirts.

Membership approval with going with Data Graphics

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

In January 254 LARA volunteer hours were reported. Jamey (W4CGX) and Jason (K4AUS) are doing an audit of vetted personal to update the volunteer hours the Secretary can accept.

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 January we averaged 19 with a range of 11 to 30 attendees per net.

Special thanks to Carl (K8BBT) for stepping up on short notice to cover the net when we changed the Board of Directors meeting.

Also, thanks to Roger (KV4I), Chris (KM4RNR), Teresa (KN4CFJ), Jay (N4KXO) and Nick (WA3GTU) for being back-up net control operators in January.

In February we initiated a drill whereby the Primary Net Control Station (NCS) stops transmitting and the back up NCS must take over. When this drill happens, only the primary NCS will be notified in advance.

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

The SK committee sold \$3162 worth of equipment at this year's Hamcation. This yields LARA over one thousand dollars.

If you are looking to add gear to your shack, shop our SK Trailer first.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Frank, KK4MBX

The LARA monthly luncheon in February had 9 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for March 13th.

ARES – Jamie (W4CGX)

Jamie has taken over as the ARES lead for LARA.

LARA Events

Live It Bike Event

Glenn (AA4UC) is chairing. This event will take place on March 5th, 2022. Volunteers have been procured.

Mount Dora Bike Festival

Glenn (AA4UC) will chair for the 2022 event.

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

Field Day 2022

Glenn (AA4UC) will chair.

March of Dimes, March for Babies

Strait (KT4YA) will chair

Hearts for our Hospital

Frank (KK4MBX) and Jay (N4KXO) will liaison with Ed Nance (N4ZIV)

JOTA/Scouting Weekend (Oct 14-16)

Jason (K4AUS) will chair

Clermont's National Night Out

Jamey (W4CGX) will chair

July 4th Parade in Mount Dora

Dave NP2MR has volunteered to chair this event

Property Book Officer

Cliff Neve has volunteered and been accepted as our new Property Book Officer.

LARA Compound Clean-Up

Saturday March 12th starting at 9AM we will conduct a cleanup of the LARA compound. A lot of cleaning/organizing needs to be done in and around the facility. This includes inside and outside of the clubhouse. Specifically, cupboards need to be cleaned/organized, equipment arranged and inspected, floors cleaned, the outside pressure washed and the vegetation encroaching around the property needs to be reclaimed. Also, the repeater room, pump house and garage could use some attention. Volunteers are very much needed, and the turnout will dictate how much we will get done.

LARA Membership Cards

LARA has organic capabilities to create membership cards, or we can have the BSA (Ken Lyons) make them for us as a fundraiser (cost would be \$2.00 each).

The membership decided to go with the BSA.

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

Congratulations to Dave (KE7BMG) in completing DXCC on 17 meters.

Domenick (Nick) WA3GTU has donated two tickets to LARA for Dayton. These tickets will be sold for whatever LARA can get for them.

John WB4HV Gave a "Sunshine" report. Don (K3DRS) is home from the hospital.

Simon's World Map Presentation

This piece of FREE software is easy to set-up and displays grey line, solar flux, sunspots and other information of interest to the Amateur Radio Operator.

Simon developed Ham Radio Deluxe

It's not a Geochron but it's not \$450 either.

Wrap Up

25 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$25 was won by Steve KO4WAE.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM

Glenn B. Casselman AA4UC

President LARA

