

## General Meeting Agenda of Lake Amateur Radio Association April 16, 2022

Meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse by President 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.  
The entire SK team for all their hard work.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

There were no applications.

### TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for April 2022.

SunTrust checking	5868.95
SunTrust Savings	5002.11
Investment Account	17,124.46
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	120.79
SK Fund	1000.00

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

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

March Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO  
Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded, and accepted.

### VEC report – Dave, N4NG

3 applicants tested today, and they all passed.

### 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 purchased 3 Mosley Tri-Beam antennas to replace the rather well worn antennas we have been using for Field Day. Dave LaBier

(KE7BMG) will lead a team to assemble and mark these antennas before Field Day. Larry (N2HBX) will take the lead on the Royal Harbor UHF repeater removal project

### **Apparel – Frank, KK4MBX**

We have a vendor for Club and Field Day T-Shirts. They will be nice quality, screen printed and in a tan color. They will be similar to those purchased from our old vendor and personalization is available using a vinyl transfer for an additional \$5. The cost for these shirts is \$15 for Small through 2XL, and \$18.00 for larger sizes. All monies for the shirts should be paid to the treasurer.

We need a minimum quantity of 25 shirts of each style to place the order. If you are interested in the shirts, please email Frank at [KK4MBX@outlook.com](mailto:KK4MBX@outlook.com) with the style and size you need. Also, if you are interested in personalization, include the name and call sign you want. When we have enough interest to order the shirts, *we will send instructions to pay for them.*

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

In March 220 LARA volunteer hours were reported. YTD = 773 hours reported.

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

The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on the N4FLA repeater, 147.390 at 7:00 PM.

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

In March we averaged 21 attendees per net. There were 2 Skywarn nets, one in March and one already in April.

### **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 meeting scheduled this month.

### **SK COMMITTEE – John, WB4HV**

If you are looking to add gear to your shack, shop our SK Trailer first. **The combination lock on the SK storage container has been changed and a camera will be installed inside the container for security reasons. The combination will given to those that have a need to know. Contact John (WB4HV) for more information.**

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

The LARA monthly luncheon in April had 13 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM

## **ARES – Jamie (W4CGX)**

Jamie has taken over as the ARES lead for LARA. Jamey is planning a meeting with our section manager in the near future. The County will have a hurricane exercise May 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jamey (W4CGX) for more information and if you can assist with the exercise.

## **Property Book Chairman – Cliff, (WW4WD) Note: New call sign.**

Cliff has started the inventory for LARA's Property Book. When completed, LARA will finally have an up-to-date listing of property. This inventory will be invaluable in case of disaster or theft.

## **LARA Events**

### **Live It Bike Event**

Glenn (AA4UC) chair. This event took place on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A check for \$200 has been donated to LARA for our assistance with this event. Next year LIVE IT is scheduled for March 11, 2023

### **Mount Dora Bike Festival**

Glenn (AA4UC) will chair for the 2022 event.

### **Field Day 2022 (Last full weekend in June)**

Glenn (AA4UC) & Jason (K4AUS) will chair. The CW team has been procured. I will be putting out an email to the club asking for those that wish to operate and assist for this major yearly event.

### **March of Dimes, March for Babies**

Strait (KT4YA) has tried to contact organizers for this event with no success. Apparently, there are no Central Florida activities planned this year.

### **Hearts for our Hospital**

Frank (KK4MBX) and Jay (N4KXO) – This event is normally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November. We will wait to see if the organizers contact us for our possible assistance.

### **JOTA/Scouting Weekend (Oct 14-16)**

Jason will chair this event. Operators will be needed on site and at home to talk with the Scouts

Ken Lyons (KN4MDJ) BOA group will be making membership badges for LARA members who want one. He plans to start taking photos at the next LARA meeting. Announcements will be made via the LARA reflector for more information as

needed. This is a fund raiser for the BOA.

**BOA Centennial will be May 13 -15th**

**Clermont's National Night Out- October 4, 2022**

Jamey (W4CGX) will chair

**Mount Dora July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade- July 4th**

Dave (NP2MR) will chair.

**LARA Christmas Party**

Dave (NP2MR) will chair

**LARA Compound Clean-Up**

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>?? 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 Program: Peter I DXpedition 1994**

Nine men made the 12<sup>th</sup> landing in history on what many consider to be the most isolated place on earth: Peter I Island, Antarctica. For 22 days they lived on a glacier in complete physical isolation. This is their story.

**Wrap Up**

25 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$19 was won by KT4YA, who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you,

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM

Jay Boehme (N4KXO)  
Secretary