

General Meeting Minutes of the Lake Amateur Radio Association September 17, 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:

Tim (K9BAW) for vegetation control around the clubhouse.
The SK and VE teams for their on-going efforts.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Laura Casselman – Paid her dues and approved for membership.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for August, 2022.

Truist Checking	1880.05
Truist Savings	7,002.39
Investment Account	14,296.77
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	374.13
SK Fund	1,020.00

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

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

VEC report – Dave, N4NG- 2 persons tested this morning and both passed their Technician test.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

Royal Harbor Repeater

The Royal Harbor site's GE Master 2 and antenna needs to be removed.

Larry (N2HBX) will take the lead on the repeater removal Project. Expect removal this fall/winter.

LARA Supported Equipment

DSTAR

Dean (KM4QMB) Has agreed to take control.

Echo Link – Steve (KA6NZU)

Up and running

IRLP

The node at South Lake Hospital on 442.600 is up and running and connected to the East Coast Reflector (ECR) full time. However, there is a long squelch tail which makes it difficult talking to/from the ECR. Larry is investigating.

The AllStar node at the clubhouse on 442.900 which is connected to the East Coast Reflector is up and running.

WINLINK NODE - Dean (KM4QMB) Is working this issue.

Clubhouse

We have replaced the two computers in the clubhouse with new models. They use Windows 10 and provide WIFI connections and greater processing speed. We loaded some software to include ACLOG and MyRadar on each of these machines. Bay one is now set up for phone, 2 is set up for digital communication with supporting software. The plan for these stations is to include the use of the AMP that is also mounted on the bench. This is still a work in progress.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

Volunteer hours for August were 193. YTD 2218.

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN - Frank KK4MBX (Net Manager)

The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on the N4FLA repeater, 147.255 at 7:00 PM.

In August, our net attendance grew a bit averaging 21 attendees with a range of 8 to 29 and 9 active net control stations. We had one SKYWARN net with 8 attendees that lasted 35 minutes. Thanks to Jay, N4KXO for running this net. During the month we had 1 alternate frequency drill with 80% of the checked in participants replying. This is a significant improvement over the previous month.

We had two events where we needed to move the net to our backup frequency, 147.000 due to excessive noise on the primary. On these occasions most followed the change as the net continued. On August 10, we checked in 3 attendees on the primary and 21 on the backup. On August 29, we checked in 2 on the primary and 19 on the backup. Thanks to K4CYA and KK4MGE for their excellent handling of the difficult situation.

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. There will be no monthly meeting/luncheon at the Olive Garden till November.

. SK COMMITTEE – John, WB4HV

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

LARA Webmaster – Joe LeBlanc (KO4FRR)

Please visit K4FC.ORG and send recommended changes to Glenn (AA4UC) or someone on the LARA BoD for approval.

Monthly Luncheon – Frank (KK4MBX)

The LARA monthly luncheon in August had 13 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for October 12th at 11:00AM

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX) – There will be an ARES group meeting September 29, 2022 to be held at the Lake County EOC. Dinner will be provide starting at 6:00 PM. You must RSVP to Jamey (W4CGX).(jameymckinleyham@gmail.com) The ARES group meeting will be 6:30 PM till 10 PM

Property Book Manager – Cliff, (WW4WD)

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. Expect update to the BoD/Membership before the year is out.

LARA Events

Live It Bike Event

Glenn (AA4UC) chair. March 11, 2023

Mount Dora Bike Festival (MDBF)

Glenn (AA4UC) will chair the MDBF for LARA. The City of Mount Dora has taken over this event from the Chamber. Rides will take place on 1 and 2 October. The Start/Finish has changed and will now be at Liberty Ave and Highland St. Net Control will operate out of the Eden Abbey Brewery on Liberty Ave. The schedule shows only a 64-, 42- and 12-mile event on Saturday and just a 42- and 12- mile event on Sunday. We will need about 15-20 volunteers. The MDBF has a new website which is: <https://www.cyclemountdora.com/> Please contact Glenn AA4UC at AA4UC@ARRL.net if you are available to volunteer.

Field Day 2023 (June 23-25)

Hearts for our Hospital

Dave (NP2MR)) and Jay (N4KXO) –The bicycle event in The Villages is moving through its planning phase for Saturday November 12, 2022, and will be requesting assistance from LARA with the event. We expect to have more detailed plans soon. Please keep this event on our calendars.

JOTA/Scouting Weekend (Oct 14-16) Jason (K4AUS) will chair

Clermont's National Night Out - Jamey (W4CGX) will chair -October 4th- Please

Contact Jamey (W4CGX) to sign up to help. (jameymckinleyham@gmail.com)

Mount Dora July 4th Parade 2023

LARA Christmas Party - Dave (NP2MR) will chair – December 9th

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

LARA Program: Ken Lyons(KN4MDJ) Gave an informative PowerPoint presentation on JOTA and other Boy Scout information.

4 Members displayed home brew “go Kits”. A Lake County Emergency Management “Go Kit” was also on display.

Wrap Up

29 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$23 was won by KN4WUF, who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you,

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Jay Boehme (N4KXO)
Secretary - LARA