

**General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association** October 22, 2022

**The 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:**

**Guest Speaker: John Willis (KB4DU)**

John is running for the ARRL Director of the Southeast Division. John spoke to his desires should he be elected. He also had a Q&A and answered questions from the membership attending the meeting.

**Monthly Service Honor Roll**

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

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** One application was received from Lionel Hector (WD0DET). Lionel was not present at the meeting and no dues have been collected. No action was taken.

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

The following balances were reported for September 2022.

Truist Checking	1,317.38
Truist Savings	7,002.45
Investment Account	13,224.91
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Fund	1,000.00

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO**

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

## **VEC report – Dave, N4NG**

We have tested 28 candidates so far this year.

Collected \$420 in testing fees

Fees to ARRL = \$224

Fees retained = \$196

K4FC donation to Ham Study = \$56

## **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. Expected removal date is January 14, 2023.

No known problems with any LARA repeaters.

## **LARA Supported Equipment**

DSTAR

Dean (KM4QMB) Has agreed to take control. Larry (N2HBX) donated A computer for the DSTAR upgrade project.

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.

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)

The K4FC WinLink node is currently up and running at the LARA Clubhouse.

The K4FC-10 node now shows under the channel selection, and you are able to open a connection using "Packet WinLink" or "Vara FM WinLink. emails can be sent and received so long as the Clubhouse remains connected to the internet. If internet should fail, then peer to peer connections could be made utilizing the node as a digipeater.

## **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. Bay 2 is set up for digital communication with supporting software. Bay 3 has UHF/DMR capabilities. Bay 4 has a P25 capable radio. The plan for these stations is to include the use of the AMP that is mounted on the bench. A new Yaesu FT 710 has been purchased and will be installed in Bay1 of the radio console. 12 members donated funds to pay for the Yaesu FT 710 purchase.. Thanks to all who donated.

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

Volunteer hours – Hours reported for September were 284. YTD hours equal 2502.

## **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 September, our net attendance averaged 23 attendees with a range of 14 to 36 and 10 active net control stations. We also had one ARES Net for Hurricane Ian with 26 attendees that lasted for 28 Hours (1680 minutes), the reporting net controls station was Cliff, WW4WD.

## **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 October.

## **. 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 September had 9 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM

## **ARES – Jamey (W4CGX) No report.**

## **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**

The MDBF was last weekend, and we once again had a very successful event. Special thanks to: Jay N4KXO, Frank KK4MBX, Kyle KE0GYI, Dave KE7BMG, Bret K4MXW, Eli N4ELI, Larry & Maria N2HBX, Ben KE8BZA, John WB4HV, Joe KO4FRR, Dave NP2MR, and Roger KV4I. Thanks to all of you for making this year's MDBF a success.

### **Field Day 2023 (June 23-25)**

### **Hearts for our Hospital**

Jay (N4KXO) and Dave (NP2MR) –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)**

Due to deployments regarding hurricane IAN and our commitment to the MDBF, we had few resources to contribute.

### **Mount Dora July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade 2023**

**LARA Christmas Party** - Dave (NP2MR) will chair –

NP2MR is now taking reservations for the annual LARA Christmas Dinner. The cost will be \$20,00 per person.

**Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:** If you are planning to run for a Position on the LARA board of directors, the Secretary is taking Nominations. Nominations are closed after the November meeting.

John (WB4HV) an incumbent LARA Director indicated he was Stepping down and nominated John (K4CYA) to be a director.

**BYLAW Change – Article V 1.**

**Regular meetings of the membership shall be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. When agreed to by the board of directors, the date and time of a future meeting may be changed.**

**The bylaw change was agreed to by a voice vote of the members Present.**

**Guest Speaker – James Schilling KG4JSZ –**

James is the current ARRL Vice Director of the Southeast Division. John described is reasons to hopefully continue in his current position. John did a Q&A with the Membership preset at the meeting.

**Wrap Up**

29 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$19 was won by Dave (KE7BMG) who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you,

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM

Jay Boehme  
Secretary LARA