

General Meeting - Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association November 19, 2022

Meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse by: President Glenn Casselman 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:

Charles S. Downing, W1CSD

General Class Paid (reading)
Charles membership accepted by vote.
Charles arrived a bit late and introduced himself.

Lionel Hector, WD0DET

Extra Class
Lionel has not yet paid and will be revisited next month for vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for October 2022.

Truist Checking	2,798.55
Truist Savings	5,002.50
Investment Account	13,224.91
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Fund	1,000.00

\$3,481 has come in from the SK activities this year, and has been transferred to the general fund. Discussion by Gary and several other members on why there is always \$1000 in the SK fund. Dave always leaves the SK fund at that amount, to allow for expenses, etc related to that program. Thanks to the SK committee for all the work

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jason K4AUS standing in for Jay who is on vacation

October Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO

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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 South Lake Hospital 442.600 is not working properly, Larry will be going down soon to review and make repairs.

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.

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 442.600 has been disconnected from the East Coast Reflector. We are trying to determine what the problem is with the link.

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. The

plan for these stations is to include the use of the AMP that is also mounted on the bench.

The new HF radio and P25 and DMR radios have also been added and are operational.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO (Jason K4AUS standing for Jay)

Volunteer hours – 336 for October
2838 YTD

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

Frank our long time net manager is stepping down at the end of the year. His service is much appreciated to the club. Teresa KN4CFJ has stepped up and will be taking over in that role on January 1st, 2023.

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

An ARES hurricane net was activated for Hurricane Nicole. Thanks to all that helped with this activation.

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
We do not currently have much in the SK trailer that is marketable. We need to get our inventory up before hamcation. Please look around at your shack and see if you have anything you would be willing to donate.

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 (report by Glenn AA4UC frank on vacation)

The LARA monthly luncheon in November had 3 people in attendance, maybe due to the election and the hurricane that was coming. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for December 7th at 11:00AM. Hopefully attendance will be better next month.

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX)

We had a busy month with the hurricanes. Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up working the EOC, shelters, and the many who worked the SKYWARN net. Thanks to Jay N4KXO for stepping up as NCS for the Hurricane net.

Property Book Manager – Cliff, WW4WD

Cliff was not present at today's meeting. More updates(s) to be provided next month.

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

Glenn AA4UC will lead the October 2023 event

Field Day 2023 (June 23-25)

Glenn (AA4UC) and Jason (W4AUS) will lead again this year.

Hearts for our Hospital

Jay (N4KXO) and Dave (NP2MR) - The event was last week. LARA played a significant role. We handled one medical emergency at the event.

Mount Dora July 4th Parade 2023

More TBA

LARA Christmas Party –

Dave (NP2MR) is chairing – December 9th. Dave is still taking reservations for the annual LARA Christmas Dinner. The cost will be \$20,00 per person.

5pm BYOB, Dinner served at 6pm, Dave will send out the gate code to everyone who signed up. Dinner will be provided by Oakwood Smokehouse. Several door prizes, and a good time with awards.

44 attendees are currently registered to attend and we have 48 meals planned with the caterer, but can be expanded if needed.

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

Ken KN4MDJ updated the group on the Radio scouting efforts last month. 5,983 scouts came thru the radio scouting activities in October. We did have a lesser presence this year due to the

hurricane deployments, but the event(s) went off very well and LARA's support is greatly appreciated. Ken will keep us posted on the planning and preparation for 2023's radio scouting season and how we can help support.

Two club members attended AUXCOMM course this month in Ft Myers. Larry N2HBX and Nick WA3GTU.

Jason K4AUS: Field Day results are in. We are again #1 in Florida overall, #2 in 5A nationally, 28th overall nationally. We should be very proud of our accomplishment!

Nominations for 2023 LARA Board:

Nominations committee asked called for any additional updates for nominations for 2023. No further nominations were made from the floor, and nominations were closed by Dave NP2MR:

President- Glenn AA4UC

VP- Jason K4AUS

Treasurer- Dave NP2MR

Secretary- Jay N4KXO

Directors- Frank KK4MBX, Dave KE7BMG, Dave N4NG,
John K4CYA, Dean KM4QMB

John WB4HV is stepping down from his board seat but will continue as SK chair.

Program – Hurricane IAN

Presentation was made by Jason K4AUS on the deployment to Hurricane Ian in Lee, Charlotte, and Collier Counties.

Wrap Up

23 Members and 1 guest attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$20 was won by Glen Casselman, who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you!

Meeting adjourned at 10:57

Glenn B. Casselman AA4UC
President, LARA

Minutes by: Jason Matthews
K4AUS (VP/standing in for N4KXO)