

Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes March 18, 2023

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:

Jacquelin Arndt Studying (No call yet) - Paid and accepted
Gerald "Pete" Gitler KB3HGG General – Paid and accepted

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, N4NG

The following balances were reported as of February 28th 2023.

Truist Checking	4554.42
Truist Savings	5,502.90
Investment Account	14,511.40
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Fund	2,515.50

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

February 2023 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 one passed.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX – Everything appears to be up and running.

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 is connected again to the East Coast Reflector. Whatever the problem was has appeared to resolve itself.

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

K2MPR Mick will be presenting a possible Zoom Conference solution at the next Board of Directors meeting. This would provide the capability to have guest presenters over video conferencing along with providing members with a virtual way to attend meetings. More to follow.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

For 2023 LARA contributed 436 hours to Lake County.

In February 2023 LARA provided 265 volunteer hours.

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN – Teresa (KN4CFJ)

In February, our net attendance averaged 28 attendees with a range of 12 to 34 and 10 active net control stations. We had no Hurricane/SKYWARN nets.

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 & John K4CYA

The SK Committee once again the SK did a great job at HamCation selling over 2K in equipment.

Please shop the SK trailer first for all your radio needs.

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 March had 11 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for April 12th at 11:00AM

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX) – No report

Property Book Manager – No report

LARA Events

Live It Bike Event

The following volunteered for this event:

Jeffrey Benway	KC4YAO
Jay Boehme	N4KXO
Roger Weed	K4VI
Larry/Maria Monroe	N2HBX
Dave LaBier	KE7BMG
Lionel (Lee) Hector	WD0BT
Justin Reheman	K4JKR

Glenn Casselman	AA4UC
Jeffrey Taffuri	KO4NCC
Joseph LeBlanc	KO4FRR
Nick/Linda Murabito	WA3GTU & WA4LIN
Lewis Otto	AC2KW
John Zimmerman	K4ZI
Leslie King	K0KI
Raymond Nightingale	KO4LBM
Mike Pecorini	K2MRP
David Culp	KN4SSS
Strait Hollis	KT4YA
Jason Matthews	K4AUS
Jamie McKinley	W4CGX

Many Thanks To All

Field Day 2023 (June 23-25)

Glenn (AA4UC) and Jason (K4AUS) will lead

Mount Dora July 4th Parade 2023 – Frank (KK4MBX) & Jay (N4KXO)

Mount Dora Bike Festival (MDBF) Glenn AA4UC

Glenn AA4UC will lead the October 2023 event

Clermont Night Out - Jamey (W4CGX)

Hearts for our Hospital – An annual event in November

**LARA Christmas Party – The 2023 Christmas dinner is
Scheduled for December 8, 2023**

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

Ken Lyons (KN4MDJ) was a recipient of the Carole Perry Educator of the Year Award at HamCation 2023. Ken is the Assistant Division Director for Radio Scouting for Boy and Girl Scouts throughout the southeast division. Ken earned this high distinction by introducing over 1,000 Scouts per year to amateur radio

Program

Special Guest of Honor:
LARA President in 1962, Robert A. Hollenbeck (W4IQJ)

The Board of Directors has awarded Mr. Hollenbeck with an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Robert "Bob" Hollenbeck (W4IQJ) and the club members in attendance had a very good Q & A. Bob gave the membership a lot of information regarding how LARA started and the building of our present clubhouse. Bobs daughter stated he (Bob) had a fabulous time and was thrilled to be asked to attend the meeting. To our knowledge, Bob is the last living charter member LARA.

Wrap Up

30 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$32.50 was won by Dave (KE7BMG) who returned his winnings back to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM

Jay Boehme (N4KXO)
Secretary LARA