

Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes April 15, 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:

Dean Breaux (KQ4HFL) paid & accepted.
Joni Breaux (No call yet) paid & accepted.
Charles Bartley (KD9CFU) paid & accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, N4NG

The following balances were reported as of March 31, 2023.

Truist Checking	4,740.81
Truist Savings	5,502.74
Investment Account	15,072.52
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Fund	2,361.50

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

Dave explained how Pay Pal gets a percentage of whatever you send as a payment. It was suggested that you add maybe 2 dollars to your Pay Pal LARA payments to cover our costs for using Pay Pal.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

March 2023 minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO
Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded, and accepted.

VEC report – Dave, N4NG – 5 persons tested this morning, and all passed.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

The IRLP node which connects the East Coast Reflector to the 442.600 repeater at the South Lake Hospital in Clearmont is down. The repeater itself still works fine but the point-to-point link enabling the East Coast Reflector has been compromised due to construction in the area. LARA will be moving this repeater to a new County owned site in the near future. The new site is significantly higher and will provide much better coverage than the current hospital site. It is anticipated that this will solve the point-to-point issue thus enabling the East Coast Reflector link again.

LARA Supported Equipment

DSTAR

Dean (KM4QMB) Has agreed to take control.

Echo Link – Dean (KM4QMB) We are looking into moving that node back to our repeater building.

IRLP

The node at South Lake Hospital 442.600 issue stated above.

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

Mike (K2MPR) has presented a solution to enable Zoom video conferencing at the clubhouse. This concept has been approved by the BoD and work will commence on this upgrade in the near future. This upgrade will give members the ability to attend meetings from home as well as provide LARA with Zoom capability for guest speakers.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, (N4KXO)

222 Hours were reported for March 2023 bringing the YTD total to 660. Hours volunteered.

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN – Teresa (KN4CFJ)

In March, our net attendance averaged 25 attendees with a range of 14 to 33 and 9 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 April had 12 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for May 10th at 11:00AM

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX)

Exercise Saturday April 22nd. We will need several operators both at the clubhouse and at home stations.

Property Book Manager – Cliff (WW4WD)

Cliff (WW4WD) has completed the inventory for the clubhouse. Repeater room is next.

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

LIVE IT has donated \$500.00 to LARA.

Field Day 2023 (June 23-25) - Glenn (AA4UC) and Jason (K4AUS)

CW team has been procured.

FD Shirts – Frank (KK4MBX) We need to purchase at least 25 shirts to make it cost effective.

Will relocate 40M SSB station due to interference.

Possibly no mobile kitchen. Grill?

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

Planning for this event will begin in early June.

Mount Dora Bike Festival (MDBF) Oct 2023 - Glenn (AA4UC)

Clermont Night Out October 2023 - Jamey (W4CGX)

Hearts for our Hospital November 2023 – No info yet.

LARA Christmas Party – Frank (KK4MBX) The 2023 Christmas dinner is. Scheduled for December 8, 2023

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

After the meeting **Roger (KV4I)** did a show and tell of his mobile POTA set up.

Ken (KN4MDJ) Gave a summary of upcoming Scouting events. Ken can always need help with Scouting events.

Program (AA4UC)

Famous Ham Radio Operators Slide Show

Wrap Up

34 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$23.00 was won by Justin (K4JKR) who returned his winnings back to the club. Thanks Justin.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

Jay Boehme

LARA Secretary