

Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes May 20, 2023

Meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse by:

Secretary Jay, N4KXO at 10:00 AM.

President Glenn, AA4UC, is on vacation.

Vice President Jason, K4AUS, is traveling for work.

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:

Jeff Hodgson	General Class	KD8TF
Rich Martinez	Extra Class	KG6MH
Susan Martinez	General Cass	NLPI
Cory Brackett	Extra Class	KP0HRD

All approved for membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dave, N4NG

The following balances were reported as of April 30, 2023.

Truist Checking	6,227.70
Truist Savings	5,502.79
Investment Account	15,072.52
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	439.40
SK Fund	2,361.50

We negotiated with PayPal to enable a check box for donations to LARA and Dues payments that will calculate the PayPal fee and add it to the amount to be charged to the credit card so that it eliminates the cost to the club for using the service. This will eliminate the cost to LARA for using PayPal, with a slight impact on our membership.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

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

VEC report – Dave, N4NG –

Today we had 4 test candidates, and all passed.
We approved 2 new Technicians, 1 General, and 1 Extra.
Congratulations to all.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

The IRLP node which connects the East Coast Reflector to the 442.600 repeater at the South Lake Hospital in Clermont 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.

Otherwise, all LARA supported repeaters are up and running.

LARA Supported Equipment

DSTAR

Dean (KM4QMB) Has agreed to take control.

Echo Link – Dean (KM4QMB) No issues.

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 the 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 the equipment necessary has been ordered and received. It is anticipated work will commence on this project in June.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

Although quite a few LARA members have not reported their volunteer hours, we recorded a total of 219 hours in April.

For the year we reported a total of 1098 hours.

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN – Teresa (KN4CFJ)

In April, our net attendance averaged 26 attendees with a range of 19 to 32 and 10 active net control stations. We had no Hurricane/SKYWARN nets.

Thanks to all those that stepped up as the backup NCS this month.

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) –

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)

Please shop the SK trailer first for all your radio needs. The SK inventory is quite thin at this point, but there is still a number of excellent equipment available.

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 May had 15 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for June 14th at 11:00AM

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX)

This weekend LARA is participating in the Lake County Hurricane Expo at the Lake County Fairgrounds. We have our ARES Trailer on display along with the standalone emergency station assembled by Roger, KV4I. Many LARA members are on site supporting the event and several more will attend at the end of this meeting.

Property Book Manager – Cliff (WW4WD)

Cliff (WW4WD) has completed the inventory for the clubhouse. Today he is expecting to catalog the equipment in the ARES trailer and move onto Repeater room next.

LARA Events

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

CW team has been procured.
FD Shirts – Frank (KK4MBX) All ordered.
We Will relocate 40M SSB station due to interference.
Rick (KN4GJV) has once again agreed to be LARA's Chef Extraordinaire

We will need quite a bit of help Friday evening, Saturday morning to set things up and again Sunday afternoon to secure the site and return equipment to LARA.

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

Jay and Frank will be meeting with Chris Carson, Mount Dora Parks, and Recreation Director, to work out the details. We will need several people to help with the event and we should have more information for you at the June Meeting.

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

Clermont Night Out November 2023 - Jamey (W4CGX)

Hearts for our Hospital November 2023 – John (K4CYA)

LARA Christmas Party – Frank (KK4MBX)

The 2023 Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 8, 2023

Live It Bike Event - March 2024 Glenn (AA4UC)

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

John,(WB4HV), and Gary, (KJ4HYV), designed and installed a new rack for the field day antennas in the SK Trailer. The new greatly improves the handling of the antennas and makes working in the trailer easier for the SK Team. **GOOD JOB**

Program

All are encouraged to attend the Lake County Hurricane Expo at the Lake County Fairgrounds 2101 N. County Road 452, Eustis, Fl Immediately after the meeting.

Wrap Up

30 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$27 was won by Mike, (KB4WUF), who returned it to the LARA treasury.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

Jay, N4KXO
Secretary LARA