

Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes July 15, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse by:

President Glenn Casselman, AA4UC, at 10AM

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:

Frank Reno (N1SSN) -- Advanced – Paid and accepted.
Paul Rollins - No action
Alan Holden – KO4TKW - General – Paid and accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Dave, N4NG

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

Truist Checking	5,132.52
Truist Savings	5,502.89
Investment Account	15,632.89
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	82.08
SK Fund	1,907.52

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

June 2023 minutes were emailed to all members via the reflector by Jay (N4KXO)

VEC report – Dave, N4NG – Four people tested this morning. 2 passed and 2 failed.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

The 442.600 repeater at the South Lake Hospital in Clearmont is down. This repeater normally connected to the East Coast Reflector via IRLP. 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.

Otherwise, all LARA supported repeaters are up and running.
.The LARA GMRS station equipment is almost ready.

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) Dean corrected the problem with the WinLink station and it is back online.

Clubhouse

Most of the equipment needed for the Clubhouse Zoom project has been received. Installation will start soon.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay (N4KXO) For June I recorded.
632 hours. A lot of that was from Field Day. YTD = 1806 hours.

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN – Teresa (KN4CFJ)

LARA had 13 sessions in June totaling 304 check-ins which averaged 23.4 check-ins per session.

There were no Skywarn nets.

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

This Monday July 17th, the simplex net will originate from Sugarloaf Mountain, the highest point in the peninsula part of Florida.

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 July had 13 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for August 9th at 11:00AM

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX) Thanks to the LARA members who participated in the recent Marconi exercise. Training to be done later in the year when it cools down.

Property Book Manager – Cliff (WW4WD)

Cliff (WW4WD) has completed the inventory for the clubhouse. He will do the LARA trailer next.

LARA Events

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

This past Field Day LARA scored 12,009 points in the 4A category. Thanks to everyone that helped with this major undertaking. Mark (K14ZKE) is attempting to get media points by getting something published before July 30th. If successful we may be able to amend our submission with another 100 points which would put us over 12K. Special thanks to Rick (KN4GJV) for once again stepping up to be our Field Day Chef.

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

Mount Dora Bike Festival (MDBF) Oct 14th, 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 racks greatly improves the handling of the antennas and makes working on the trailer easier for the SK Team.

Thanks to the LCSO Fleet shop for doing some needed maintenance on the ARES trailer.

Program

Mike Pecorini (K2MRP). Mike brought his 3D printer for show and tell, Mike (K2MRP) did a very informative presentation on 3D printing.

Mark (KI4ZKE) did a short presentation on SLACK. SLACK is a messaging and information platform that LARA is using to further communicate with its members.

Wrap Up

34 Members and guests attended.

The 50/50 drawing for \$28.00 was won by Jeff (KC4YAO) who returned the money to the Club. Thanks Jeff.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Jay Boehme
LARA Secretary