

Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes (August 19, 2023)

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:

Tim Rosenburg	KQ4JZQ	Technician – Paid - Accepted
Fred Baker	W7SIX	Extra – Paid - Accepted
Patrick Pavlicin	None	Technician – Paid -Accepted
Anthony Testa	W2Ajj	Extra – Paid- Accepted
Gary Svitek	None	Technician – Paid - Accepted

TREASURER’S REPORT – Dave, N4NG

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

Truist Checking	4,600.35
Truist Savings	5,502.94
Investment Account	15,632.94
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	185.13
SK Fund	1,907.50

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

July 2023 minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO

VEC report – Dave, N4NG – 6 Persons tested this morning and all passed their tests.

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.

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 up and running.

Clubhouse Frank (KK4MBX) Jay (N4KXO)

The clubhouse video conference capability has been installed. Thanks to Mike (K2MRP) for taking the lead on this project and Jamey (W4CGX), Justin (K4JKR), Joe (KO4FRR), Glenn (AA4UC), and Dave (KE7BMG) for assisting.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay (N4KXO) For July 2023,259 hours were reported. 2023. YTD = 2077 Hours

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN – Teresa (KN4CFJ)

In July, our net attendance was up slightly, averaging 24 attendees with a range of 16 to 32 and 9 active net control stations.

There were no 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) Mike Pecorini (K2MRP)

Please visit K4FC.ORG and send recommended changes to Glenn (AA4UC) or someone on the LARA BOD for approval.

SLACK – Mark O’Keefe (KI4ZKE) Jamey McKinley (W4CGX) –The majority of LARA members have signed onto SLACK.

Luncheon – Frank (KK4MBX)

The LARA monthly luncheon in August had 11 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse on US 27 in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for September 13th at 11:00AM

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX) Attended the quarterly EC meeting with Mark (KI4ZKE).

Property Book Manager – Cliff (WW4WD)

Cliff (WW4WD) has completed the inventory for the clubhouse.

LARA Events

Live It (March 2024) – Glenn (AA4UC)

Field Day (June 21-23, 2024) - TBD

This past Field Day LARA scored 12,009 points in the 4A category. Thanks to everyone that helped with this major undertaking. Mark (KI4ZKE) obtained last minute media points which got us just over 12K points.

Mount Dora July 4th Parade 2024 – Frank (KK4MBX) & Jay (N4KXO)

Mount Dora Bike Festival (MDBF) (Oct 14th, 2023) - Glenn (AA4UC)

Clermont Night Out (October 3, 2023) - Jamey (W4CGX)

Hearts for our Hospital (November 11th, 2023) – John (K4CYA)

LARA Christmas Party (December 8th, 2023) – Frank (KK4MBX)

½ Marathon – December 17, 2023. A new event proposed by Strait (KT4YA).
A signup sheet was passed around to see how much interest there would be to
man the event. The marathon will be in Mount Dora.

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

Program

Mike Pecorini (K2MRP) provided a presentation on how the new clubhouse video conferencing capability works. Today's meeting was via a zoom room provided by the East Coast Reflector (ECR) as well as live in our clubhouse.

Wrap Up

34 members and guests attended.

The 50/50 drawing for \$18 was won by Glenn (AA4UC) Glenn donated the winnings back to the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM

Jay Boehme (N4KXO)
Secretary LARA