

Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes (September 16, 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:

Byron Rusher	K3QKR	Extra	Paid & accepted.
Jeff Fort	Pending	Tech	Paid & accepted.
William deJongl	Pending	Tech	Paid & accepted.
Brian Hill	Pending	Tech	Paid & accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Dave, N4NG

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

Truist Checking	4,259.42
Truist Savings	5,502.99
Investment Account	15,632.94
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	272.60
SK Fund	1,857.50

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

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

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

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)

LARA reported 242 volunteer hours to Lake County making the total for 2023 3,332 hours to date.

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN – Teresa (KN4CFJ)

In August we had 14 sessions with a total of 315 check ins giving an average of 22.5 check ins per session.,

We had one unofficial Sky Warn Net during Hurricane Idalia. Thanks to Jay (N4KXO) for running this net.

Thanks to all those that stepped up as NCS and back up NCS this month.

Also, thanks to Lee (WD0DBT) and John (K4CYA) for deploying to shelters during hurricane Idalia and working all night and Jason (K4AUS) and Jamey (W4CGX) for deploying to the Gulf Coast to render assistance.

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)

Monthly Luncheon – Frank (KK4MBX)

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

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX) An ARES and Training session is in planning mode.

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 (November 2023) - Jamey (W4CGX)

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

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

½ Marathon December 17th. – Roger (KV4I) Roger will be looking
For volunteers for this event.

JOTA events – Jota will be having events later on and can always use
volunteers. Contact Ken (KN4MDJ)

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates: Any qualified member that would like to run for any office shall notify the Secretary prior to the November meeting. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the November meeting. Nominations will not be accepted after the November meeting, except to fill a vacancy in the “slate” of candidates. All candidates must be full members for one (1) year in good standing at the time of their nomination and have paid their dues through the term for which they will serve at the time of election.

Chris Kalinowski (KM4RNR) is SK. Chris passed away last weekend Chris was a valued and long time member of LARA.

Program

Jamey (W4CGX) gave a presentation on Hurricane Idalia relief efforts along the Gulf Coast of Florida.

Wrap Up

32 Members and guests attended.

The 50/50 drawing for \$28 was won by Rich (KG6MH)

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM

Jay Boehme (N4KXO)
Secretary LARA