

## Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Agenda (October 21, 2023)

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

President Pro Tem Jay Boehme (N4KXO) at 10AM.  
President Glenn (AA4UC) and Vice President Jason (K4AUS)  
Were both excused.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Check in for members and guests:

### Monthly Service Honor Roll:

Tim (K9BAW) for vegetation control around the clubhouse. November will be Tim's last month in this role. We need volunteers to continue maintaining our yard. Please contact Glenn, AA4UC, if you can help with the yard.

The SK and VE teams for their on-going efforts.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Dave, N4NG

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

Truist Checking	3,518.94
Truist Savings	5,503.04
Investment Account	14,739.60
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	335.86
SK Fund	1,857.50

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

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

### VEC report – Dave, N4NG –

Testing was held today with 7 candidates. We now have 3 new techs, 3 new generals and one new extra.

## **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 tower at the hospital complex in the future.

Otherwise, all LARA supported repeaters are up and running.

### **LARA Supported Equipment**

#### **DSTAR**

Dean (KM4QMB) Has agreed to take control.

#### **EchoLink**

Dean (KM4QMB), Mike (K2MRP) and Joe (KO4FRR) are working to get Echolink restored on the 147.000 repeater.

#### **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 does not appear in the channel list bit is is up and running and we are able to send and receive emails.

### **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 (KE&BMG) for assisting.

### **Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay (N4KXO)**

LARA reported 168 volunteer hours to Lake County in September making the total for 2023 2,510.

### **LARA Information Net & SKYWARN – Teresa (KN4CFJ)**

LARA had 13 sessions in September totaling 303 check-ins which averaged 23.3 check-ins per session.

A Skywarn net was activated on 5 October for about 45 minutes. This net had 8 check-ins.

## **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 “DX Spots” channel was added to SLACK. If you hear a rare DX please let everyone know and post the spot on SLACK.

At the end of the year, SLACK will become our primary method of communicating with LARA Members and the use of the Email Reflector will be discontinued.

## **Monthly Luncheon – Frank (KK4MBX)**

The LARA monthly luncheon in September had 4 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for November 8th at 11:00AM

## **ARES – Jamey (W4CGX)**

No report

## **Property Book Manager – Cliff (WW4WD)**

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

## **LARA Events**

### **Live It (March 2025) – Glenn (AA4UC)**

There will not be a LIVE IT 2024, but plans are for this event to return in 2025.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> Parade 2024** – Frank (KK4MBX) & Jay (N4KXO)

**Mount Dora Bike Festival (MDBF) (Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 2023)** - Glenn (AA4UC)  
Thanks to all that participated in this event.

**Clermont Night Out (October 3, 2023)** - Jamey (W4CGX)  
Thanks to all that participated in this event.

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

**LARA Christmas Party (December 8<sup>th</sup> 2023)** – Frank (KK4MBX)  
This year the event will once again be at the Lakes of Mount Dora Clubhouse and the cost of the event is \$25.00 a person. Festivities start with BYPB cocktails at 5 PM and Dinner at 6. A link has been added to the K4FC Website to sign up and pay for the event or you can pay at the next club meeting.

**JOTA (20-22 October)**

Radio Scouting Jamboree on the Air at Camp LaNo-Che is this weekend and continues the following weekend. Members are needed to set up and showcase Amateur radio with your go kits, antennas, etc. at camp, as well as operate from home to talk to scouts. Contact Jamey W4CGX or Ken KN4MDJ.

**Half Marathon (December 17<sup>th</sup>)** - Roger Weed (KV4I)

Planning for the event is underway and we will need volunteers to help with the event. If you can help with the event please contact Roger, KV4I.

**Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:**

We will begin a Tech Saturday at the clubhouse for a 2-hour session starting at 10AM once a month two weeks after our club meeting to assist club members with technical issues, radio programming and interesting projects. The first of these sessions will be November 4 with an open forum to help with any technical issues you may have, or just an interesting discussion of radio issues or projects. We hope to see you there.

**Program**

Nominations for club officers and Board of Directors are open now and continues to the close of the November Club meeting. At this point all current officers and board members are running for reelection. If you are interested in one of these positions, you need to notify our Secretary, Jay, N4KXO, [N4KXO@ARRL.NET](mailto:N4KXO@ARRL.NET) on or before the November meeting.

The treasurer is now accepting dues for 2024. You may pay your dues in person at a club event or using PAYPAL from our website K4FC.

## **Wrap Up**

26 Members and guests attended in person and 2 attended by ZOOM.

The 50/50 drawing for \$22 was won by W2AJT, Tony

Meeting adjourned at 10:32

Frank Anders (KK4MBX)  
Acting Secretary