

Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes (November 18, 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.

We need volunteers to continue vegetation control at the clubhouse

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Travis Dawsen N1DAW Extra Paid and approved.

Ronald Gauthier NW1V Extra Paid and approved.

Gloria Aversano KN4NTR Tech Paid and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dave, N4NG

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

Truist Checking	3,382.58
Truist Savings	5,503.09
Investment Account	14,739.60
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	837.15
SK Fund	1,857.50

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

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

LARA Elections for 2024 – Nominations from the floor are now open.

VEC report – Dave, N4NG – No testing this morning.

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 is up and running.

Clubhouse Frank (KK4MBX) Jay (N4KXO) – No changes.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay (N4KXO)

LARA reported 196 volunteer hours to Lake County in October making the total for 2023 2,706.

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN – Teresa (KN4CFJ)

LARA had 14 sessions in October totaling 324 check-ins which averaged 23.1 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.

Monthly Luncheon – Frank (KK4MBX)

The LARA monthly luncheon in October had 10 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for December 13th at 11:00AM

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX) – There will be an AUXCOM class during Hamcation week. Jason (K4AUS) will be one of the instructors.

Property Book Manager – Cliff (WW4WD)

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

LARA Events

Live It (March 2025) –

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

Field Day (Last full weekend in June.) -

This past Field Day LARA scored 12,009 points in the 4A category giving us 4th

place in North America. Thanks to everyone that helped with this major undertaking.

Mount Dora July 4th Parade 2024 –

Mount Dora Bike Festival (MDBF) (Oct 2024) -

Clermont Night Out (October 2024) –

JOTA (October 2024)-

Hearts for our Hospital (November 2024) –

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

Half Marathon (December 17th 2023) – Roger (KV4I) Strait (KT4YA)

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

Program

Jason (K4AUS) will demonstrated STARLINK

Starlink is a satellite internet constellation operated by American aerospace company SpaceX, providing coverage to over 60 countries. It also aims for global mobile phone service after 2023. SpaceX started launching Starlink satellites in 2019.

Wrap Up - There were no nominations for the upcoming LARA Board election at the December 8th meeting.

Nominations are now closed.

The current LARA Board will continue as is for 2024.

44 Members and guests attended.

The 50/50 drawing for \$28.00 was won by Jeff (KC4YAO). Jeff returned his winnings back to the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

Jay Boehme (N4KXO)
Secretary LARA