

**Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes (December 9, 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:**

Desiree Templeton    KF4LRN    Tech Paid and approved.

Carl Hays                NN5I            Extra Paid and approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – Dave, N4NG**

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

Truist Checking	4,359.90
Truist Savings	5,503.14
Investment Account	14,739.60
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	1,545.07
SK Fund	1,857.50

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO**

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

**LARA Elections for 2024- There were no nominations. Only one change on the Board. Frank (KK4MBX) will become the Secretary and Jay (N4KXO) Will continue on the Board as a Director. As Secretary I hereby place 1 vote In the record for each person elected by acclamation.**

**VEC report – Dave, N4NG** – 2 persons tested, and both passed. 1 Tech, and 1 Tech who also tested for general and 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 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), Joe (KO4FRR) and Larry (N2HBX) 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)** Another Tech Saturday event on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and another highly successful Tech Saturday.

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

LARA reported 129 volunteer hours to Lake County in November making the total for 2023 2,816.

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

LARA had 13 sessions in November totaling 342 check-ins which averaged 26.3 check-ins per session.

## **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. Need POC.- Anthony (W2AJT) Volunteered to be the POC.

## **. 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)**

Slack is up and running with no problems reported.

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

The LARA monthly luncheon in October had 11 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg, US 27 just north of CR 48.. The next luncheon is scheduled for December 13th 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) –**

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

### **Field Day (June 21-23 2024)**

This past Field Day LARA scored 12,009 points in the 4A category giving us 4<sup>th</sup> place in North America. Thanks to everyone that helped with this major undertaking.

**Mount Dora July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 2023) – Frank (KK4MBX)**

**Half Marathon (December 17<sup>th</sup> 2023) – Roger (KV4I) Strait (KT4YA)**  
Roger KV4I, gave an update on the upcoming ½ marathon scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:**

The annual LARA Christmas dinner was yesterday, Friday December the 8<sup>th</sup>. The dinner was held once again at The Lakes of Mt Dora Clubhouse with Frank (KK4MBX) as host.

### **Program**

#### **Dr. Jose Vicens AKA Otis (NP4G)**

Otis was a member of the Bouvet Island DXpedition team that went to Bouvet Island Jan/Feb 2023. Bouvet Island is the most isolated place on planet Earth. The island is located about 1,500 miles SW of the Cape of Good Hope and about 1,000 miles north of the mainland of Antarctica. Bouvet is of volcanic origin, extremely rocky and mostly ice-covered. It is undoubtedly one of the most dangerous DX entities to activate. Dr. Vicens has also gone on other DXpeditions to include Svalbard which is a Norwegian archipelago between Norway and the North Pole and Easter Island. His next adventure is a DXpedition to the Juan Fernandez Islands located off the coast of Chile in February 2024.

## **Wrap Up**

25 Members and guests attended.

The 50/50 drawing for \$23 was won by Glenn (AA4UC) who returned his winnings back to the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM

Jay Boehme  
Secretary LARA