

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association August 18, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President N4KXO at 10:00 AM

Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of members and guests:

Monthly Service Honor Roll: As always Dean KM4QMB for being our yard bird.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: 1st reading: KN4NUG, Carl Dalessandro, KC2ARX 2nd reading: KN4KOU, KN4DGZ, N2HBX

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was posted on the wall. Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted. The following balances were reported for July 2018. Sun Trust checking, \$ 1001.46; Sun Trust Savings, \$2028.34; SKFund, \$ 1780; Investment Account, \$ 18,979.50; Petty Cash, \$ 50.00; PayPal, \$ 82.08.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Was posted on the wall as well as emailed to all members; Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted. Paul WN4AMO is now the Interim LARA Club Secretary. Emil WA2UPK has sold his house and moved to Englewood Florida. The Board would like to thank Emil for a job well done. We'll miss him.

ENGINEERS REPORT- I believe everything is up and running except Echolink

ARES: W4ALR- The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on N4FLA, 147.255 at 7:00 PM, and Packet on 145.01. After Emil moves, Carl K8BBT will be the Packet NCS when he can. All are welcome to join us. Frank KK4MBX is the ARES net manager. The net manager is looking for some operators to become NCS trained. The net has gone from a 7-day operation to now a tri-weekly net. If we don't find enough operators to train to keep it going, our next step is to revert to having a net once a week. Please consider getting involved as a net NCS. Please see Frank KK4MBX if interested. W4ALR said that Emergency Management has added additional shelters so additional volunteers are needed to cover these.

QCWA: Permission has been granted for Paul K3NON and the QCWA to use 147.225 repeater to run Echolink for the Tuesday net at 7:30pm. Paul does plan on moving Echolink back to the 147.000 repeater in the near future.

SK COMMITTEE: - We have conformation that our normal tables at Hamcation have been reserved this year we will only take good stuff to sell, no junk. SK items are also now being sold on eBay and looking at other places to sell.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Don K3DRS. Don reports that 232 service hours were recorded for JULY 2018. 2046 hours have been recorded for the year 2018. Only those members that have taken the required Incident Command System courses and have been vetted by Lake County, and receives a badge have their volunteer service hours recorded. See John WB4HV for an application. ICS courses are available on-line.

DX and CONTESTING:

You can find the current contests by looking at the ARRL website/contests
Does anyone have any recent DX contacts of interest?

OLD BUSINESS:

Grid Square Contest Update- The ARRL grid square contest began January 1, 2018. So far there are **38,464** participants. All grid square totals will be kept by LOTW. If you as a club member participate, the club winner will win a lifetime membership to LARA. 2nd place will get their dues paid for a year. "Total Grid Score" will be the determining factor for the club winner. So far in the lead from LARA is Steve KT4Q ranked 652 with 2404 grid squares recorded. In comparison Bill KN4BIT is ranked 3046 with 1038 grid squares. N4KXO dropped to 3rd place with a ranking of 8900 with 377 grid squares. (As of Thursday morning). Those 3 are the only club participants I am aware of. Let us know if you are participating in the contest. One of you know Kevin Milhorn, N4KM is ranked 353 with 3135 grid squares.

Facebook page - Anne Keller KM4BVH has taken over the day to day maintenance of the LARA Facebook page. It's getting a lot more attention now that she keeps it current. She has added many Field Day pictures and other information.

Antenna trailer - Needs to be unloaded and the antennas stored away.

The LARA Monthly Lunch - There were 10 people at this month's luncheon. We are always open to suggestions if there is another establishment preferable to the club in general. The luncheon is the 2nd. Wednesday of the month at 11:00am.

CLUB APPAREL - Any questions please see Frank KK4MBX - we now also have a T-shirt vendor separate from Striking Effects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amateur Radio Parity Act- The Amateur Radio Parity act now has the support of the National Defense Authorization Act. The language of the Parity Act was to be incorporated in the NDAA Act as an amendment. Senator Nelson once again had the amendment pulled.

K4FC 147.000 - The club VHF repeater on 147.000 is back on the air.

IRLP - The IRLP link is back up and active on the 442.900 repeater.

Winter Field Day - The possibility of doing a Winter Field Day operation was introduced at the LARA board meeting July 12th. Winter Field Day is not an ARRL event but is run very similar to it. The board also discussed possibility that we cut back summer Field Day to a 3A or 4A operation. We would use 1 Pepero and our two trailer mounted antenna structures. If there is any interest in participating the BOD will discuss it in October.

WEBSITE - If you have any questions or corrections to the K4FC website let Jay N4KXO or Ed N4ZIV and the corrections will be made.

FOX HUNT -Is there any interest in the club sponsoring a "Fox Hunt"?

Skywarn Class - NWS Melbourne held a basic Skywarn class at the Lake County EEOC Saturday August 4th - 10:00 AM to 12 noon. The class was full. I believe about 100 people were in the class. Tommy Carpenter and Don K3DRS will try to get another class for August.

Christmas dinner update – Frank KK4MBX & Dave NP2MR will co-host the dinner. The dinner is to be held Friday December 14th, at the Lakes of Mount Dora Clubhouse. Our plan is to make it a lot more affordable this year so more of our members can attend.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Steve WA2ENT our Monday net NCS is back on the net. He's still somewhat immobile because of the extensive knee surgery but he's doing very well.

Does anyone have anything for the good of the order? Anytime any of the members order anything on Amazon, please use SMILE so that LARA will receive a small commission, there is no additional charge to the members for doing this. KT4YA advised that the March of Dimes had given a plaque to the Club for our participation in the March of Dimes event.

The LARA Board of Directors - would like to welcome Jason Matthews (K4AUS) as the Board of Directors Interim Director to fill out Paul Hemby's term.

34 Members and visitors present.

50/50 drawing won by N4ILB, which he donated back to club, total was \$44.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am