

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association October 20, 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. Also John WB4HV for his untiring efforts as chairman of our SK committee.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: 1st reading. N9QKK Bruce 2nd reading: K4GDF Gerald, Guest Maria

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was posted on the wall. Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted. The following balances were reported for November 2017. Sun Trust checking \$1155.58, Sun Trust Savings 1001.49, SKFund \$ 1560.00, Investment Account \$19,698.50, Petty Cash \$50.00, PayPal \$102.08

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.

ENGINEERS REPORT: All systems we control are up and working.

ARES: W4ALR- The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on N4FLA, 147.255 at 7:00 PM, and Packet on 145.01 (N4FLA-2) when a packet NCS is available.. Frank KK4MBX is the ARES net manager. The Lake County frequency list has been updated. Check the K4FC.org web site for the updated list and print out your own copy. Frank our net manager is looking for a few good operators who would like to train to be a net NCS and a net NCS backup. It's really not all that difficult. If you are at all interested contact Frank KK4MBX.

QCWA: Net continues to be 7:30 on echo link. Meeting today will be at Olive Garden at 11:30

SK COMMITTEE: - SK sales will be selling in February at Hamcation. We will be testing SK equipment for re-sale on October 29th. The testing process will probably take a few days. On November 24 at 10:00 am equipment will be available to see and use at Clubhouse

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Don K3DRS. Don reports that 203 service hours were recorded for September 2018. 2506 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 received a badge, have their volunteer service hours recorded. See John WB4HV for an application.

DX and CONTESTING:

You can find the current contests by looking at the ARRL website/contests you take a look at the current contests you will see that it's the contest season. Although propagation seems to be at an all time low on the HF frequencies, the bands seem to come alive with a contest.

The LARA Monthly Luncheon is the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM at the Ichiban Japanese/Chinese buffet Highway 441, and Radio Road, in Leesburg, 10 were present at the last lunch. I hear from time to time that some members don't care for Ichiban. If the Club members care to suggest a different location for the LARA monthly lunch please contact a Board member. Remember buffet style restaurants seems to work the best over the years that the club has held a monthly luncheon.

CLUB APPAREL - Any questions please see Frank KK4MBX - we now also have a T-shirt vendor separate from Striking Effects. Frank will take orders for new T-shirts.

Grid Square Contest - The ARRL grid square contest began January 1, 2018. 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 paid dues for a year. There are 41,067 operators currently in the contest. Steve KT4Q from LARA is ranked 765 with 2711 grid squares recorded. So far in 2nd place is Bill KN4BIT ranked 3014 with 1262 grids recorded. I'm a little behind ranked 9731 with 448 grids recorded. An operator whom a lot of us know but who is not a club member, Kevin Milhorn, N4KM, is ranked 345 with 3893 grids recorded. These numbers are from yesterday morning.

LARA Board - is looking into several ideas as a fund raiser. Your input would be appreciated. Contact Dave NP2MR or any board member with your ideas. Remember to make your Amazon purchases via Amazon Smile. LARA gets a piece of the action when you make your purchases through the program.

Winter Field Day - Winter Field Day is January 26th and 27th. Winter Field Day is not an ARRL sponsored event but is run pretty much along the same lines. Location to be determined If we do Winter Field Day we would probably operate as a 3A station. The Board would like to know if there is any interest from the members.

Field Day - Field Day numbers will be published in the December QST magazine.

JOTA - Is this weekend. Dean KM4QMB will be with about 1000 Scouts at the Paisley Scout Camp. JOTA stands for Jamboree On The Air. Look at your reflector email for times and HF frequencies. Locally they plan to be on 146.895 North Lake (channel 3) and simplex 147.420. If you hear them, answer them and help the Boy Scouts earn their radio merit badge.

Hearts for Hospital which is a one day bike ride is looking for volunteers to be held on November 10, a sign up sheet is being passed around.

Christmas Dinner - Will be Friday December 14th at The Lakes of Mount Dora clubhouse. Catering will be from the Oakwood Smokehouse in Tavares. The menu will consist of beef and turkey and two sides. Desert will be furnished by LARA. The cost per person has been set at \$11.00 per person with the club picking up the additional cost. Dave NP2MR will be happy to take your reservation for this year's dinner. Where else can a you go for a great dinner and fellowship for only \$22.00 a couple.

Hard Line - If you need any hard line for your operation at home, let us know ASAP. What doesn't go to the members will be going to the scrap yard.

WEBSITE - Several errors have been corrected and some other updates have been made.

Hamcation - Hamcation is in February. You received a request via the LARA reflector from Fred Fitte (NF2F). Fred is the Hamcation Volunteer Coordinator at this year's event. If you volunteer LARA will get some benefit from your efforts. Read your email announcement for more information.

Skywarn Day - Several years ago about 15 members journeyed to NWS Melbourne for Skywarn Day. If there is enough interest, another trip to Melbourne will be planned. Skywarn day is Saturday December 1st. We will have to carpool from here and drive over to Melbourne.

SUNSHINE REPORT: K8BBT's wife broke her arm, doing better

Does anyone have anything for the good of the order?

The ARRL is requesting you contact Senator Bill Nelson regarding the Amateur Radio Parity Act. Sen. Nelson is the only holdout to the passing of this legislation. You can go to ARRL.rallycongress.net, enter your zip code, fill in the blanks and a letter will be sent in your name to Sen. Nelson's office. Ham radio was the only lifeline between several locations after the hurricane passed. For several days the SARnet system was the only means of communications. It took days before the State EOC in Tallahassee was able to operate. Jacksonville EOC via the SARnet was the Amateur Radio lifeline for 2 days. K4NRD Pat Lightcap has done a Yeoman's job coordinating shelter information to and from the State EOC. It was sometime last Thursday that a HF network was established by Amateur Radio operators from the NFL ARES emergency net on 3950.

Two members of LARA are currently deployed to the Panhandle assisting with the hurricane disaster response.

When posting to reflector, please explain initials used as there are new members who may not be aware of their meaning. When replying to the reflector, please reply just to the poster instead of to all if appropriate.

If you plan on running for any LARA Board position for 2019, per the by-laws you must notify the Secretary prior to the November meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November meeting.

As always the board would like to hear your suggestions regarding club operations.

28 members and 1 visitor present.

50/50 drawing won by N4KXO, \$16.50 donated back to club

Meeting adjourned at 10:34

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Submitted by

WN4AMO Paul, Secretary.