

## **General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association July 20, 2019**

**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, And the entire LARA Field Day team. A job well done.

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

1st reading:

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: N3NYS

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Was posted on the wall. Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded and accepted. The following balances were reported for June 2019. SunTrust checking \$3328.62, SunTrust Savings \$1001.55, SKFund \$1000.00; Investment Account \$17963.60, Petty Cash \$50.00, PayPal \$120.90, Undeposited Funds \$23.00.

**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:** Everything LARA controls is up and working.

**ARES:** Al W4ALR is our EC- The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on the N4FLA repeater, 147.255 at 7:00 PM. Frank KK4MBX is the ARES net manager. If you would like to train to be a net NCS and a net NCS backup contact Frank. Because of illnesses, vacations etc, a different schedule of operators will call the net the next couple of months. If you do not hear the net NCS on 147.255 at the 7:00 PM start time, remember the net backup frequency is 147.390 + 103.5. ARES trailer upgrades in progress.

**THE SKYWARN** class held at the Lake County EOC on July 13 was sold out. 60 attended each class.

**QCWA:** Meets on 147.000 and Echolink Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM. Mike K9SSL advises that there will be no more QCWA luncheon meetings until September. Look for K4FC-R when you check in.

**ALERT LAKE** – Still a work in progress - hopefully sometime next month.

**ECHOLINK** - Is currently on the air. (147.000) Thanks to Steve KA6NZU, Paul K3NON, and Larry N2HBX our Engineer. Steve advises that DTMF codes are functional and will take you to whatever node you wish.

**IRLP** - The local IRLP node on 442.900 normally sits on IRLP reflector 9050 which is also known as the East Coast Reflector. Remember when you use 442.900 you are talking to approximately 50 to 60 other repeaters at any given time from the State of New York to Florida and all points in between. They have a tech net every Tuesday at 8:00PM. There is another local UHF repeater available on 442.800 + 103.5 that can be used for local UHF.

**SARnet** - The SARnet is locally available depending on your location, from Clermont on 444.975 + 103.5 or Orlando on 444.075 + 103.5 and now Brooksville on 444.825 + 146.2 It is an all an UHF system SARnet covers most of Florida with 35 repeaters connected and 8 more under construction. It was designed for emergency and FDOT testing use throughout the State. It was used extensively during hurricane IRMA and Michael. You may use it but try and limit QSO's to a few minutes. The system uses the Florida Department of Transportation microwave system to link all the repeaters. Go to [www.sarnetfl.com](http://www.sarnetfl.com) for more information.

**DSTAR** - The KJ4TJD DSTAR repeater is up and running. There is a DSTAR net every Monday at 8:00 PM. It's on the KJ4TJD DSTAR repeater and reflector 37B. The repeater normally sits on DSTAR reflector 37C but changes to 37B for the net.

**P-25/simplex** The 147.420 to P25 link experiment is over. The test went well and was well received. The link can be reinstated when necessary.

**DMR** - There are two DMR repeaters in Lake County. One in the North part of Lake County and the other in the South part of the County. If you know how to program your DMR radio, use 444.550 + 103.5 (North) and 444.050 + 103.5 (South). There are currently two repeaters in the local DMR system. One in Paisley near the Boy Scout camp and the other in Groveland. The system is currently using the DMR DMark system. **The repeaters are going to move to the K4USD system in the future.** Most repeaters in Florida are on the K4USD system and will allow the use of more talk groups. Information can be found at [K4USD.org](http://K4USD.org).

**SK COMMITTEE:** - We have stickers for you to place on your equipment so your spouse knows who to call when you become an SK. John WB4HV is working on updating the SK equipment that is available on the [K4FC.org](http://K4FC.org) web site. John also stated that more stuff is being added to the website. John Gabele W8KCE, a long time member of LARA passed away in Ohio on June 22. A name plate with his name has been placed on the LARA clubhouse SK board.

**BUILDING MANAGER** - Frank KK4MBX is our building manager. He, along with Lenny KD4MBN and Jay N4KXO have been working on getting the consoles operational again. This is still a work in progress.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The current vetted hour totals are 372 hours in June for a total in 2019 of 1322 hours as reported by Don K3DRS. John WB4HV asked that anyone with questions or needing vetting to please stay after meeting to talk with him.

**MDBF** - We will be welcomed back to the Mt. Dora Bikefest. Strait (KT4YA) and Ed (N4ZIV) are attending the meetings with the MDBF folks. . LARA had been a part of the MDBF for more than 20 years except for the last few years. This is a three day event, October 4, 5 & 6, KT4YA will be looking to sign up volunteers well in advance of the event. This is a very large event operator wise and we'll need lots of volunteers. KT4YA will firm up our commitment to the event in August. Anticipate 30+ people over the 3 day event. The event is capped at 1000 riders. KT4YA commented that this year there will be no markings on the pavement, participants need to be using the app Ride GPS. Communication Center will be in the Chamber of Commerce building which is the old Train Station in Mt Dora. LARA participants will need to be using APRS when supporting Bikefest.

**MONTHLY LUNCHEON** -The LARA Monthly Luncheon is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

The luncheon is held at the Haystax Restaurant in Eustis on 441 & Kurt Streets. We meet in the backroom.

**LARA Board** - Please make your Amazon purchases via Amazon Smile. LARA gets a piece of the action when you make your purchases through the program. Tell all your friends about Amazon Smile and they can help us also. We continue to receive checks from Amazon. Your participation is helping our treasury.

**Field Day** -. Went very well. Although we weren't in a competitive mode, we won't have the results until late November. Lots of good teaching moments this year.

**WEBSITE** -. Please look at the [K4FC.org](http://K4FC.org) website from time to time. Please contact Jay N4KXO or Ed N4ZIV our webmaster if you see a need to add or subtract anything from the site.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Lou KK4MGE is still out of service as one of our NCS's with severe back issues.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER** - The document review committee has had several meetings. They are making good progress in the document review process and are on schedule.

Strait KT4YA commented that he made a visit to the ARRL National headquarters and operated the W1AW station and made a number of contacts.

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24 Members and guests were present

50/50 drawing won by KE7BMG and donated back to the club (\$)12.00

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

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Submitted by:

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