

General Meeting Minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association August 17, 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 Carl K8BBT for making arraignments to repair our lawn tractor.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: 1st reading: Andrew KN4VSO, Allen K4AJS; 2nd reading:

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 2019. SunTrust checking \$1947.09, SunTrust Savings \$1001.55, SKFund \$1000.00; Investment Account \$17963.60, Petty Cash \$50.00, PayPal \$160.90, Undeposited Funds \$93.00.

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 Tri Weekly/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. Al commented that the Mount Dora Bike event would be a good event for members to participate in for training purposes.

The ARES trailer upgrades still in progress.

Several members participated in the **Northern Florida Hurricane** exercise August 3rd. Strait KT4YA was the SARnet backup NCS for the exercise.

We are also looking for a Winlink/WINMOR operator. If you are proficient or can train to be proficient, please let me know.

Other nets - You are more than welcome to check into other counties nets. Two that I check in with occasionally are Marion County and Polk County. (444.625 PL 127.3) Both of those nets follows ours at 7:30PM on Wednesday.

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.

LARA ALERT LAKE – Is in the testing mode now. A test message was sent yesterday. A test/demo message was sent during the meeting this morning.

ECHOLINK - Is currently up and running. (147.000)

IRLP - The local IRLP node on 442.900 normally sits on IRLP reflector 9050 which is also known as the East Coast Reflector. They have a extensive 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. Go to www.sarnetfl.com for more information. There is a SARnet weekly net at 1:00PM every Wednesday aimed primarily for County EOC's or their representative.

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 is up again.

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).

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 web site. John also stated that more stuff is being added to the website.

BUILDING MANAGER - Frank KK4MBX is our building manager. Frank will be soliciting estimates for a new roof for this building in the near future.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The current vetted hour totals are 209 hours in July for a total in 2019 of 1531 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. 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. 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. The communication Center will be in the Chamber of Commerce building which is the old Train Station in Mt Dora. We would like LARA participants to use APRS when supporting Bikefest. If you have a Smartphone, you can download an APRS app in case your radio configuration doesn't support APRS. Strait introduced Jannet Davis WA4MID a member from many years ago, she gave the club some documents that were related to the club history.

TECHNICIAN CLASS - Preliminary plans are being made to hold a Technician license class late October this fall.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON -The LARA Monthly Luncheon is the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The luncheon is held at the Haystax Restaurant in Eustis on 441 & Kurt Streets. We meet in the backroom. 7 members were present at the lunch this month.

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.

WEBSITE -. Please look at the 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. Lots of updates were completed this month.

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 - A non member Mike McKibben (K9GMZ) made a \$40 donation to the club for the use of our repeaters.

I want to thank the **document review committee** for all their work reviewing and recommending changes to our By-Laws, the Procedure and policy manual, and the LCARES op plan.

The committee members are Frank Anders (KK4MBX), Paul Hemby (WN4AMO), John Randall, (K4CYA) Det Joks (N4ILB), and Bill Adams (KC2ARX). Also helping with the LCARES OP plan were Al Richter (W4ALR) and Jason Matthews (K4AUS) Frank KK4MBX made a presentation on the proposed new changes to the By Laws. The Board of Directors have approved the changes. There was discussion on the proposed changes and the club members voted unanimously to approve them. The new By Laws will be posted on the website as well as having a copy in the clubhouse.

31 Members and guests were present

50/50 drawing won by AA4UC Glenn, he donated it back to the club (\$33.00)

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

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Submitted by:

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Secretary