

**LARA Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2021**  
(GoTo Meeting)

President, Jay Sanford, KE5BCP, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S.A.

A quorum was established.

**Officers in Attendance:**

President: Jay Sanford, KE5BCP  
Vice President: Lee Norup, K5WXR  
Treasurer: Ron Ford, KF5OMH  
Secretary: Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI  
Operations Officer: Jim Lavin, K5VZ  
Technical Officer: Roger Carver, AE5EZ

**Appointees in Attendance:**

VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK

**Members in Attendance:**

Scott Boutwell, KG5RGR  
Frank James, KG5ZNJ  
Mike Asselta, KD0CDQ  
Mike Reitz, W5EVT  
Clark Highsmith, K5LGX  
Heidi Boutwell, KG5ZAU  
Marty Wells, KM5OI

**Guests in Attendance:**

Jim Wilson, K5ND

**Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting**

Minutes from the previous January meeting were emailed out on 1/30/21.  
No corrections were called for.  
Meeting Minutes were accepted as reported via email.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ron Ford, KF5OMH

**LARA Treasure's Report – March 7, 2021**

**Checking Account**

Income	
Dues	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
ARRL memberships	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00
Expenses	
Fees	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Internet/Mail	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Bank Balance	\$3,475.78
Petty Cash (included in balance)	\$0.00
Paypal	\$47.94

## **CLUB ASSETS**

For Sale	\$200.00
Stock (not for sale)	\$4,554.72
Total Assets	\$4,754.72

**LARA NET VALUE** \$8,278.44

Treasurers' report was accepted as stated/presented.

Membership: 44 members.

Reminder about Amazon Smiles, Kroger rewards and Tom Thumb club benefits

Club shirts available for sale \$25

**Vice President** – Lee Norup, K5WXR

Presentations:

March 16 – Jim Wilson, K5ND on contesting for all amateurs

April – Jim Lavin, K5VZ on Allstar

May – Frank James, KG5ZNJ on TBD

**Technical Report:** Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Will be climbing the 145.17 tower next month to do some work on it.

**Operations Report:** Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Summer Field Day – Field day is coming up Jun 26-27. Want to put a committee together now for planning. If interested in volunteering, send an email to the club.

\*Marty mentioned there is a camping space at Lake Dallas that we may be able to use for field day.

Go Box challenge – LAARK would like us to host a Go Box Challenge this year. People can bring their Go Boxes and set them up for the public to view. We also want to have a contest for the boxes. Heidi Boutwell, KG5ZAU motioned that LARA host the Go Box Challenge, Lee Norup, K5WXR seconded. The club will reach out to Laird.

Radio Days in the Park – Looking to host one weekend each month where members can get together to build antennas, operate and learn new things about the hobby. Would like to consider a Fox Hunt in the park. Possibly start these activities mid May.

Suggested Radio Days: J-Pole Antenna Build, Fox Hunt Equipment Build, Fox Hunt

**Public Information Report:** Mike Weston, KI5DLF (not present)

Nothing to report.

**VEC Report:** Steve Kline, W5JK

Want to consider getting together outdoors for a test session in May when the weather is better. Will put a timeline together to potentially do sessions bi-monthly or quarterly.

Still working to get online testing as an available future option.

## **Old Business**

In person breakfast – Ron proposes that we go back to breakfast for those that are open to it. Will be at Main Street Saturday morning at 8am. Would request that anyone attending have both vaccine shots and wait the two week period.

## **New Business**

LAARK link to 145.17 for Public Service and Contesting. Will be several linked repeaters.

Officers Elections – Technical director position was left off the ballot for nominations or input. Steve is trying to terminate the current nomination form and restart a new one. If unable to terminate the form, he will need to send out a second nomination ballot for that position. Communication will be sent out to the membership to explain.

Nomination cycle will plan to run two weeks.

Micro Grant info - Navy ROTC group at Lewisville High has a group of students interested in amateur training and testing. The club put together an application for a micro grant from Irving Radio club to fund this project. Ron will be looking for help, several club members volunteered.

Dallas Amateur Radio Club will have a lecture and lab on 3/27/21 and will build some kits. They have opened it up for anyone to participate, W5FC.org for more info. They have several kit options available and will need to pick them up this Saturday.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

LARA Information and Help Net – each Wednesday @ 1900 on the 145.17 repeater

ARES Training Net – 3rd Thursday @ 1930 on 146.92 repeater

SATERN Net – each Tuesday @ 1900 on 146.92 repeater & 2000 on 3873

Special Event Stations – Check QST pg. 82 and/or ARRL web site

LARA DMR TGID – 75067

Salvation Army supplies food for people in need Tues and Thur at 10AM.

Digitalee Speaking Net: Sun @ 1900 on 146.92 repeater / 2000 on 3873

Public Servic and Contesting: Last Sunday of each month at 7:30PM on LAARK 224 repeater.

Virtual Mentorfest scheduled for April 24, 8:30am – arrlntx.org for info

Simplex Net: Hosted by LAARK on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month @ 2000 / starts on 147.38 repeater

Check the WA7BNM Contest Calendar, ARRL Web Site and QST Magazine for other fun things to do.

Salvation Army is deploying people around the border to supply water and food through April.

Next Officer Meeting Apr 13, 2021

Next Business Meeting Apr 20, 2021

### **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by Jay Sanford, KE5BCP, President at 7:48pm.

### **Presentation**

Jim Wilson, K5ND on contesting for all amateurs

Minutes submitted:

Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI, Secretary

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