

LARA Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2020
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President, Mike Reitz, W5EVT, called the meeting to order at 8:02AM.

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S.A. -

In lieu of the pledge there was a moment of silence in recognition of those impacted by the pandemic.

A quorum was present.

Officers in Attendance:

President: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Vice President: Jay Sanford, KE5BCP

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:

John Courtney, KI5BBE

Marty Wells, KM5OI

Mike Asselta, KD0CDQ

Johnathon Allread, NE5J

Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Dale Finley, KB5NFT

Richard Zink

Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Larry Wilson, WW5LS

David Jackson, W5YS

Guests in Attendance:

Jim, KI5IWT

John, KF5VO

Dale, K5MAY

Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting

Minutes from the April 18, 2020, meeting was presented in email. No corrections called for. Meeting Minutes were accepted as reported via email.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Ford, KF5OMH

LARA Treasure's Report – May 12, 2020

Checking Account

Beginning Balance \$3,077.80

Income

Dues	\$25.00
Total Income	\$25.00

Expenses

PayPal Fees	\$1.03
Total Expenses	\$1.03

Ending Balance \$3,101.77
Petty Cash (included in balance) \$29.50

CLUB ASSETS

Stock (not for sale) \$4,195.73
Total Assets \$4,195.73

LARA NET VALUE \$7,327.00

Treasurer's Financial Report as of May 12, 2020.
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.
Treasurers' report was accepted as stated/presented.

One new member – Charles, studying to get his license.
Membership: 52 members.

Vice President – Jay Sanford, KE5BCP

Presentations:

May: - John Hill, KF5VO will be present a WinLink presentation.

June: - Dale Finley, RIG/PI

July: - Samiee Espinosa, WX5JMD, on weather radar

Aug: – Tom Schussier, N5HYP on AMSAT

Sept: – Dale Finley, KB5NFT, on Hotspots

Technical Report: Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Relocation of club assets: Mike Reitz, W5EVT is working with Roger Carver, AE5EZ to move the remaining club assets to Roger's storage area.

Inventory: Considering getting rid of some old equipment no longer needed from the asset inventory. Item are being reviewed, more information to come.

Filters: Some research completed on filters. Roger will do a comparison on type, capability and cost.

Operations Report: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Field Day: Jim reminded us that we have a ARRL (summer) Field Day on June 27 & 28th.

He is working to get a couple of radios setup for remote operation if possible and is still researching to determine if we can have a remote control operator.

Information will be sent out soon on signups and times including general guidelines for how we'll operate field day.

Jim will look into how you are counted if working from a home station.

Pubic Information Report: Mike Weston, KI5DLF (not present)

Nothing new to report. Waiting on info for field day.

VEC Report: Steve Kline, W5JK

Testing is suspended until we have clearance after the COVID 19 pandemic and have a facility to administer the testing.

Virtual testing is administered through the W5YI as an alternative.

LARA may look at getting these pieces together to use as a long term solution. Steve will research to determine what pieces are needed to put this in place. He will put together a box solution to be available as a future alternative.

It's expected that testing may look different in the future post pandemic so, we'll look at options.

Newsletter Editor: vacant

David retired from the newsletter and is available to help the member that takes over.

The club discussed options for a monthly newsletter or possibly a blog.

Johnathon, NE5J agrees a blog is a good idea and mentioned Wordpress is free and we can load articles or monthly updates including categories where others can contribute. Johnathon, NE5J agreed to look into a blog as an

alternative to the newsletter. Ron, KF5OMH will coordinate with Johnathan to provide information on our website capabilities for potential inclusion of a blog.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

New W5LVC trustee: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

The previous trustee was Bob Landrum, W5FKN who held a general class license. He hasn't renewed membership in the club. He agreed if we want to change to a new trustee, that would be fine. Steve, W5JK is the new trustee for the club which includes added benefits with an Extra license

Stuff Box: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Ron suggested we resurrect the idea around the old junk box and rename it. Ron received boxes of stuff from a silent key and found items that can be used. He put together a "stuff box". General rules are someone can take it for a month, remove what you want and/or put in anything you don't want then, pass it on to the next person.

Steve will take the box to start it off. Mike will take the box of old tubes.

Jim, K5VZ suggested keeping a tube tester for the club inventory for testing. Steve will check it out and advise on the status. If it works, it will be included in the club inventory.

Tanner's Electronics closing: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Tanner's electronics must be out of his building next week. Has some items he wants to donate to a HAM club if any interest. Power supplies, connectors, etc... Mike picked up the power supplies. There are eight of them with various amperage, brand new. If any interest, contact Mike. He will keep them until next Tuesday. He will go back for the connectors next week and will be available at a later date.

Contest University: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Contest University will be on the internet this year. Access the link contestuniversity.com if interested in contesting. The link provides opportunity to learn about contesting from experienced operators.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

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

ARES Training Net – 3rd Thurs. @ 1930 on 146.92 repeater

SATERN Net – each Tues. @ 1900 on 146.92 repeater

LARA ARRL (Summer Field Day) June 27 & 28

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

Check the WA7BNM Contest Calendar, ARRL Web Site and QST Magazine for other fun things to do while we are sheltering in place

HamCom 2020 **CANCELED**

Next Officer Meeting June 16, 2020

Next Business Meeting June 20, 2020

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Mike Reitz, W5EVT, President at 9am.

Presentation

John Hill, KF5VO gave a great presentation on WinLink Express and WinLink Wednesday. Go to winlink.org for more information and to download the software.

Minutes submitted:

Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI, Secretary

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