

# **LARA Membership Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 1832 CST**

**Quorum was established**

**Pledge to the flag**

## **Officers present:**

President Frank James KG5ZNJ  
Secretary Clark Highsmith K5LGX  
Operations Director Jim Lavin K5VZ  
Technical Director Roger Carver AE5EZ

## **Appointees present:**

VE Coordinator Steve Kline W5JK

## **Guests**

Sandra Backup

## **Members present:**

Colin Backup, N5GG  
George Stracke, KI5YRK  
Gregg Veazey, KG5VZ  
Greg Taylor, KI5PDC  
John Courtney, KI5BBE  
Kim Krill, KI5VRY  
Logan McWaters, KI5NON  
Michael Calverley, KI5AE  
Richard Zink, N5DTF  
Ron Ford, KF5OMH  
Travis McWaters, KI5PGM  
Walter Logan, AG5CF  
Perry Abernathy, NE5ET

## **Previous Meeting Minutes: Clark Highsmith K5LGX**

Minutes of January's meeting were emailed to the membership. No corrections, additions or deletions. Changes made to February Officer's meeting and resent.

Motion to accept: Jim Lavin

Second: Ron Ford

Motion passed

### **Treasurer's Report: Johnathon Allread NE5J**

Johnathan not present. Frank reported that the club Paypal balance is \$979.79. The bank account is \$4449.61.

### **Technical Director Report: Roger Carver, AE5EZ**

- Roger continues to work with the city on reestablishing its low-power traveler's information radio station. The license for the frequency 1620 kHz has expired and is now held by an individual who is asking \$75,000 to surrender it,
- Roger and Jim Lavin are going to talk with the Lewisville Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator next week about the radio room.
- Club laptops have been updated. Questions about Windows support has opened up conversations about when and with what to replace the laptops.
- Campsites have been secured at Hickory Creek Campground for Summer Field Day. *SEE: Map Attachment*

### **Operations Director Report: Jim Lavin, K5VZ**

- Skywarn training will be held at Texas Woman's University Saturday, February 25th. A webinar will be available on March 4th for those who were unable to attend. The [registration link is here](#).
- Irving Hamfest is March 4th at the Irving Bingo Hall.
- Battery Build Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 11th. It will be held at Jim Lavin's house (4611 Birch St. in Flower Mound) and will consist of building battery packs for go boxes.
- Go-Box Challenge is March 18th.
- City of Lewisville community outreach event is scheduled for March 25th from 1 to 5 p.m. at Thrive. Our booth will be next to the fire department drone demonstration.

### **Volunteer Examiners Coordinator Report: Steve Kline, W5JK**

Nothing new to report.

### **Old Business:**

- Winter Field Day was a success with 21 visitors/participants and approximately 172 contacts on CW, SSB, PSK31, and J.S. Call.
- Jim is finalizing details for ordering the club table cloth.

### **New Business:**

- Go-Box Challenge on March 18th will be held at Doubletree Ranch Park, 310 Highland Village Road from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All hams are invited to bring go kits, even if incomplete. Hams that are able to make contacts during the event will be eligible to compete for a prize. Bring family members; nearby children's playground. A radio will be given away to an attendee who is present at the conclusion of the event. Denton County is bringing their E-Com trailer and RV. Widespread interest has garnered commitments from hams from Fort Worth and Houston.
- Roger Carver motioned to donate \$50 to the Go-Box Challenge. Ron Ford seconded. Motion passed.
- Ron Ford mentioned that the 501C3 Federal tax obligation has been filed.
- Roger Carver is donating a switch and router to be used to create a network at club events.
- Jim Lavin discussed the possibility of scheduling a build days (multi) to build band pass filters.
- Gregg Veazy volunteered to serve as officer election chairman. The election will take place in April with new officers assuming their roles on May 1st. Members are encouraged to step up as candidates. The positions available are President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Technical Director. Nominations, including self-nominations may be sent to Gregg Veazy at [greggvz@yahoo.com](mailto:greggvz@yahoo.com).
- Roger Carver motioned to adjourn meeting. Jim Lavin seconded. Motion passed.

**Adjournment: Adjourned at 1927 CST**

**Minutes submitted: Clark Highsmith K5LGX**

**Secretary**

**Attached: Summer Field Day campsite map**