

# **LARA Membership Meeting Minutes: July 19, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 1901 CDT**

**Quorum was established**

**Pledge to the flag**

## **Officers present:**

President Frank James KG5ZNJ  
Vice President Kent Moore KG5MFJ  
Secretary Clark Highsmith K5LGX  
Operations Director Jim Lavin K5VZ  
Technical Director Roger Carver AE5EZ

## **Appointees present:**

VE Coordinator Steve Kline W5JK  
Membership Coordinator/PIO Kent Moore KG5MFJ

## **Guests**

Morgan Lyons KI5SXY

## **Members present:**

Gerald Marchant WB5NZV  
Gregg Veazey KG5VZ  
Gregory Taylor KI5PDC  
Jay Sanford KE5BCP  
Kim Krill KI5VRY  
Michelle Sanford KI5AHI  
Marty Wells KM5OI  
Michael Porter KF5LDJ  
Ron Ford KF5OMH  
Steve Wheeler KI5QAD  
Travis McWaters KI5PGM  
Bill Shine K3TP  
Colin Backup N5GG

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

Minutes were emailed to the membership. No corrections, additions or deletions

Motion to accept: Kent Moore

Second: Jim Lavin

Motion passed

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

Jonathan not present. Frank says Jonathan plans to send him a report.

No motion made.

### **Vice President's Report: Kent Moore KG5MFJ**

Tonight's presentation about rocketry will be given by Morgan Lyon.

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

- Five club members participated in Field Day at Hippie Point. The team made about 300 contacts with Steve Kline making the most CW contacts, Roger Carver making the furthest contact (Hawaii), and Frank James and Jim Lavin working FT8.
- Antenna build day at the Denton EOC was a success with 12 participants and observers. Challenges with procuring parts as individuals for the build have prompted Jim to think about taking a group approach to source materials for future builds. Jim would like volunteers to step forward to help plan future events.
- The next Club Radio Day in the Park is tentatively set for August 21st. Jim said the focus could be on the North American QSO party or a RTTY contest held that weekend.
- Discussion about forming committees or planning teams for future events including POTA Support Your Parks Weekend Oct. 15-16, Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air October, Winter Field Day January 28-29, 2023, Texas Parks on the Air April 2023, and Field Day June 24-25 2023.

Jim presented a slide with upcoming events that members may wish to participate in individually:

*Upcoming Radio Events July - Aug 2022*

Youngsters on the Air Contest - 1000Z-2159Z, Jul 23

<https://www.ham-yota.com/contest/>

Tennessee State Parks on the Air 1400Z-2200Z, Jul 30 and 1400Z-2200Z, Jul 31

<http://www.tnpota.org/>

North American QSO Party, CW - 1800Z, Aug 6 to 0559Z, Aug 7, 2022

<http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest - 1800Z, Aug 6 to 1800Z, Aug 7

<http://www.arrl.org/222-mhz-and-up-distance-contest>

Maryland-DC QSO Party - 1400Z, Aug 13 to 0400Z, Aug 14

<http://w3vpr.org/mdcqsop/>

Kentucky State Parks on the Air - 1400Z-2200Z, Aug 13

<https://k4msu.com/kypota/>

North American QSO Party, SSB - 1800Z, Aug 20 to 0559Z, Aug 21

<http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY - 1800Z-2359Z, Aug 21

<http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

POTA Support Your Parks Weekend - Oct 15th and 16th <https://pota.app/#/events>

Winter Field Day 2023 - Jan 28th and 29th <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

Summer Field Day 2023 - June 24th and 25th

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

Nothing to report.

### **Membership Coordinator/PIO: Kent Moore KG5MFJ**

- Kent has sent press releases to local media outlets about tonight's meeting. He plans to make this a practice.
- Kent invited club members to step forward to teach skills and knowledge such as electronics and soldering.

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

Steve is in the process of researching W5YI testing changes.

### **Old Business:**

- Jim Lavin reports that six entries have been received for the QSL card contest. You have until August 1st to submit your design to [K5VZ@arrl.net](mailto:K5VZ@arrl.net).
- Members are still in the planning stage to sponsor a RaDAR (Rapid Deployment of Amateur Radio) event. The plan is to figure a way to streamline the event and add a website.
- Per discussion from the Officer's meeting, Jim Lavin made a motion to move club meetings to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at Thrive." Responding to questions about cost, Kent clarified that he had clearance from the city to use the facility for free for club meetings. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

- Michael Porter announced that an in-person Ares meeting will take place at the Denton EOC on Tuesday, September 21st at 7 p.m.
- Jim Lavin made a motion to put together a committee led by the technical director to begin planning for the ham radio room in the new city facility. Kent seconded, motion passed. Committee members in addition to Jim include: Ron Ford, Roger Carver, Steve Wheeler, and Gregg Veazy.
- Jim Lavin made a motion to form a Field Day committee to begin planning for both the 2023 Winter Field Day and the ARRL Field Day. Motion passed. Committee members include: Roger Carver (Chair), Jim Lavin, Kent Moore, Greg Taylor, and Frank James.

**Adjournment: Adjourned 1947**

**Minutes submitted: Clark Highsmith K5LGX**

**Secretary**