

LARA Membership Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1833 CDT

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:

None

Guests

Philip Vanderwel

Bob LaCroix KI5YQZ

Marla

Members present:

Perry Abernathy NE5ET

Marty Wells KM5OI

Ron Ford KF5OMH

Ernest Didominick KI5ZUC

George Stracke III KI5YRK

Colin Backup N5GG

Gregory Taylor KI5PDC

Gregg Veazey KG5VZ

Logan McWaters KI5NON

Travis McWaters KI5PGM

Steven Wheeler KI5QAD

James Brownmiller N5NNA

Previous Meeting Minutes: Clark Highsmith K5LGX

Minutes were emailed to the membership. Corrections made March officer's meeting and resent.

Motion to accept: Jim Lavin

Second: Perry Abernathy

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Johnathon Allread NE5J

- Johnathon not present.
- Goal is to have outstanding expenses reimbursed before new officers take office. If you have a receipt, email Johnathon (john.allread@gmail.com) and cc Frank (fjhamtx@protonmail.com).
- Ron Ford reported that we have \$4456.95 in the bank and \$1003.43 in the Paypal account.

Operations Director Report: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

- The Go Kit challenge last Saturday was a great success. Total attendees ranged from 60-80 with about 30 kits. The club was well-represented as Roger won 1st place and Frank won 2nd place. Gregory Taylor displayed three kits. Several influencers, including K8RMD Mike and Tank Radio, were present and documenting the events for their audiences.
- The club will demonstrate WinLink email technology at the Lewisville city event at Thrive on March 25th from Noon to 5 pm.
- Jim will present tonight's presentation. The topic is multi-op with N1MM logger.
- Texas State Parks on the Air is April 15th and 16th. Jim is open to the club activating a park. Contact him if interested in helping.

Technical Director Report: Roger Carver, AE5EZ

- The city of Lewisville Traffic Management System continues to advance toward completion. Roger has tested the receiver, computer, and some other parts. The antenna needs to be replaced.
- Gregg Veazey has all three club computers and is working to upgrade them.
- Jim Lavin and Roger Carver met with city officials about the EOC planning and answered questions.

Volunteer Examiners Coordinator Report: Steve Kline, W5JK

Steve was not present.

Old Business:

- Jim Lavin presented an image of the proposed table cloth. Members were generous with their constructive criticism.
- Nomination ballots for club officers have been sent via email. Nominations are due by the end of the month. Club members may self-nominate. Please check with individuals before nominating them. The election ends the day before the April club meeting.

New Business:

LARA has accepted responsibility for managing the tailgate area at the June 3rd DFW Ham Expo at Music City Mall in Lewisville. Volunteers are needed to help, beginning at

6 am to mark off the area and greet vendors as they arrive. We will be allowed to sell basic necessities, such as water, at a reasonable cost. We are also allowed to charge for slots and keep the money. The cost will be \$10 for a single slot and either \$15 or \$20 for trailer slots. The indoor portion of the hamfest opens at 9 am. Attendees who come to test for a license will be granted free admission.

Adjournment: Adjourned 1928 CDT

Minutes submitted: Clark Highsmith K5LGX

Secretary