

LARA Officers Meeting Minutes 4/14/20

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President

Quorum was established.

Officers present: Ron Ford, KF5OMH, Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Clark Highsmith, KG5LX, Perry Abernethy, NE5ET, Steve Kline, W5JK, Mike Reitz, W5EVT, and David Jackson, W5YS

Meeting Minutes from previous meeting 03/17/20 and Special Called Officer meeting 3/31/20 were accepted as emailed out by Ron Swain, KG5VIV.

Treasurer Report: presented by Clark Highsmith, K5LGX.

Membership renewal status: We have 2 new members this month. Which brings us to 49 members.

Clark has started to put together numbers of expenses that we have had in the past years to give us an idea where our money goes.

Financials:

Income: Total Income \$0.00

Expenses: Miscellaneous \$0.00, Total Expenses, \$0.00

We have a balance of \$3,052.60

Club Assets: Stock \$3,009.34, Loaner Eq.: \$375.00 Total Assets: \$3,384.34

LARA Net Value: \$6,436.94

The Treasurers' Report was accepted as read in the officers meeting.

Vice President Report: Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Meeting presentations update:

April - Perry Abernethy, on VOACAP – propagation

May - John Hill will present WinLink Wednesday presentation.

June – Dale Finley, KB5NFT, Rig/Pi

July – Sammie Espinosa, WX5JMD on weather radar

Aug – Tom Schussier, N5HYP on AMSAT

Sept - Dale Finley, KB5NFT – subject TBD

Technical Report: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Relocate club assets: Mike Reitz, W5EVT has a plan to relocate the assets to Roger Carver, AE5EZ's storage area.

Some items may go to Jim Lavin for safe keeping.

Operations Report: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

ARRL Field Day is the next thing that we have coming up. We are following the ARRL's lead which is to adhere to the local government rules and guidelines for state, county, and cities. They are suggesting a club may want to go to a plan "B" which would be to operate using a portable generator or battery operation from individual's houses. We will have to continue to monitor the COVID 19 situation up to the date.

Public Information Officer: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Nothing to report tonight.

VEC Report: Steve Kline, W5JK

Next test scheduled for Apr 18th (Denton County restriction now thru April 30th)

Steve had an individual contact him about testing during this time. He explained to the gentleman that there was no testing going on right now. Steve has been in contact with ARRL to see about a plan to virtual test but nothing is set as of now.

Youth Education Report – Perry Abernethy NE5ET

Nothing new.

Old Business:

Election of Officers – Steve Kline, W5JK We have had 29 votes which is 58% of the ballots sent out.

Steve will send a slide with the results of voting for the Saturday meeting.

W5LVC Trustee – Ron Ford, KF5OMH said he had talked to Roger Carver, AE5EZ about his contact with Bob Landrum. He said he is going to renew his membership and would continue to hold the Trustee position. At this time, he has not renewed his membership. It was suggested to send a reminder to pay his dues. A question came up, can we operate with the club call sign in some bands without the Trustee being any level under an Extra Class Licensed person. Ron Ford found a document that was sent to him by W5YI from the FCC Regulations that states "The club will have the license class privilege of the trustee".

Steve Kline, W5JK volunteered to research the FCC Regulation part 97 to verify the information. This item is now **tabled** until Steve reviews the regulation. **TABLED item**

Filter Research: Roger Carver, AE5EZ has information on this item, but is not present. Ron Ford, KF5OMH is going to **table** this until next month. **TABLED item**

LHS NJROTC Class(es): Ron Ford, KF5OMH talked to the commander about this item but don't know what the curriculum is going to be like based on the fact they may not want kids in the school buildings. We will **table** this until they know what their curriculum is going to be like. **TABLED item**

New Business:

No new business

Ron Ford, KF5OMH thanked all the officers for their support during his tenure.

Officers meeting – May 12th

Club meeting – May 16th

(Assuming new officers want to keep same meeting day)

Adjournment:

Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President adjourn the meeting. 6:32pm

Ron Swain

Minutes submitted:

Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Secretary