

LARA Officers Meeting Minutes 8/14/18

Meeting called to order by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President on 7/17/18, 5:35 PM

Quorum was established.

Officers Present: Ron Ford, KF5OMH, Mike Reitz, W5EVT, Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Clark Highsmith, K5LGX, Dale Chatham, WA5WNI, Jim Horton, WB8YWA, Steve Kline, W5JK.

Guest: Bob Linker, W5SQA

Meeting minutes from previous meeting were accepted on a motion from Dale Chatham, WA5WNI and second Steve Kline, W5JK.

Treasurer Report:

The financial report will be presented by Clark Highsmith, K5LGX at the general meeting.

Bought Stamps.

Ham Radio Outlet certificate value of \$100 for the visitor contest was established. Motion was by Dale Chatham, and second by Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Motion approved by officers.

Vice President Report: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

JOTA promotion going well thanks to Dale for brochures. Brochures have been handed out.

Mike, Jim, Ron Ford and Dale have made contacts with councils and round tables.

Mike is talking with Walmart HQ about using the local store parking lot for Santa On the Air.

Operations Report: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Printed out ARISS requirements for proposal. Also looking for a venue for the event.

Technical Report: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Repeater 145.170 is working OK thanks to DACARA. We are having 9-13 checking on the Wednesday night nets.

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PIO Report: Ron Bath, KG5VIS (absent)

Ron is on a 50th anniversary trip.

VEC Report: Steve Kline, W5JK

Nothing except upcoming testing that is scheduled.

Discussed how we promote the testing days to the public.

Would like to see the testing dates be left in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Fall Swap meeting: Mike Reitz, W5EVT will check with Lonnie Pringle, KG5KNT (City Parks Ranger) about the use of a park.

A date set for after the Association meeting in November 17, 2018.

We discussed the possibility of talking to Jim Tanner of Tanner Electronics about having swap meets at his stores parking lot.

Jim Horton, WB8YWA will talk to Jim Tanner.

Grid Square Data Base: Tabled for another month (**Tabled**)

Christmas Party: Still set for December 15th at Korner Café 7PM. Eat off the menu and pay for yourself. We will have gift game w/ <\$20 gifts.

PIO Booth at the Fire Dept.: Ron Ford, KF5OMH met with Tom Quinn IV, KG5VIU Emergency Manager w/city. We are going to share the mobile management EOC. We provide a table for ourselves and materials to hand out. October 13, 2018. We can put in a VHF/UHF station in the booth. Ron Bath, KG5VIS will handle this item.

To Go Box: Jim Horton, WB8YWA will take on this project. Dale Chatham, WA5WNI will get involved with the build of this as well.

Association Dinner: Set for September 8, 2018. Dale will find a place for the dinner and it will be announced on the Wednesday night net.

New Business:

Mike Reitz, W5EVT ask about our relationship with the new emergency coordinator for DCARA. Ron Ford, KF5OMH noted that the person that is the coordinator to us is not a member of LARA which normally a member in most cases. There was discussion on how to fix this issue but not resolution forth coming.

Bob Linker, W5SQA new member asked for a few minutes to explain who he is and his desires for the future in the association. He was granted the time.

Next officers meeting - September 11th. and Association meeting - September 15th.

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned

Ron Swain

Minutes submitted:
Ron Swain, KG5VIV
Secretary,