

**L.A.R.A.**  
**Lewisville Amateur Radio Association**  
**Officer Meeting**  
**May 15, 2018**

Ron Ford called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

Quorum is established.

**Officers in Attendance:**

President: Ron Ford, KF5OMH  
Vice President: Mike Reitz, W5EVT  
Secretary: Ron Swain, KG5VIV  
Treasurer: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX  
Operations Officer: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI  
Technical Officer: Jim Horton, WB8YWA  
Public Information Officer: Ron Bath, KG5VIS

**Guest Attendance:**

Rich Alverson, WA5ED

**Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting**

Meeting Minutes from Officer board meeting 4.21.18 were accepted as published.

**Old Business**

The need for a review and revision of By-laws / SOPs was brought forward by Ron Ford, KF5OMH. Mike Reitz, W5EVT suggested that he and Ron Ford look at these items and bring back a report of revision and change to the Officer Board before presenting it at the General Club Meeting. It was agreed they would do this.

A Swap meeting date was discussed and agreed on for July 7, 2018, 10:00am – 2:00pm at Valley Ridge, 2950 Lake Vista Drive. Mike Reitz will secure the park date and time.

Antenna sales – CX-33 (2) & Super 22 – Jim Horton spoke to the sale of the antennas. It was decided in by the officer the following.

CX-33 would have an established price of \$145-\$130 each with any club member being offered \$130 each.

The Super 22 would be offered for \$125.

### **Officer Reports / Comments**

Vice President – Mike Reitz, W5EVT

No Comments

Secretary – Ron Swain, KG5VIV

No comments

Treasurer – Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Clark stated he had the treasure report ready for the general club meeting on Saturday.

Operations Director, - Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Dale suggested we try out a new breakfast place on Saturday mornings. The name is Mill Street Diner, 727 S Mill Street, Lewisville, TX 75057, 972-221-6600. There was agreement we should give it a try.

Dale also wants us to explore the idea of setting up to talk to the space station and would be happy to work with other to do this.

Technical Director – Jim Horton, WB8YWA

No comments

P.I.O. – Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Invitation letters

Newsletter

Website

V.E.C. – Steve Kline, W5JK

Not present at meeting.

### **New Business**

Survey results –

Total submitted – 16

Meeting Presentations

Direction finding antennas – 8

Developing a personal emergency communications plan – 9

Emergency Preparedness – Emergency Management Coordinator – 5

High Altitude Ballooning – 4

Speaker from Denco 911-5

Other Suggestions

Contesting/QSO Parties  
Soldering for  
Beginners Station bonding, grounding, noise reduction HF Antennas for HOA  
Building ham radio relate "stuff" AREDN  
NBEMS ??  
WinkLink  
APRS  
Repeater Operation Antennas  
Feedline (types, losses, importance, etc)

Cooling solutions – KG5VIS  
Grid chase / pursuing QSL cards – K5LGX

#### Activities

Winter Field Day – 8 Fox Hunt – 6  
Kit Builds – 8  
Santa on the air – 4  
Club Christmas Party – 8  
Fire Department Open House – 5 Soldering Class – 6  
Other  
Micro controller / single board computer - Willing to chair –

Micro Controller (WA5WNI)

#### PIO Booth

Lewisville events – 4 Flower Mound events –  
3 Highland Village events – 3 Other  
Maker Faire

#### Club Growth

Mailings to amateurs in grid square EM13lb - 6  
Mail club QSL card to amateurs in grid square EM13lb – 5 Drawing for  
members bring guests to meetings/events.  
Dale and Jim will work on a grid square for EM13lb to send mailing  
to.  
Clark will bring tickets to meeting for the drawing.

#### Other

Ron Bath, made some suggestions for the club.  
Call out to hams when seeing call sign license plate

Make club a happy place. Have fun. Enjoy coming to meetings and events.  
Keep contact info of people we meet in our daily travels and invite to meetings, events,  
etc.  
Form an Outreach committee to reach out and follow-up.

All of the above items were discussed.

Having a PIO booth during Fire Department Open House will be discussed with Chief Richards  
by Ron Ford.

Dale Chatham is willing to work Micro controller / single board computer chair a  
committee. Also work with contacting the NASA Space Station.

It was discussed on several occasions we should limit our overall actives to 3-4 events per year  
due to participants and ongoing club actives.

### **Event Calendar**

June 2018 – Field Day 23 & 24

July 2018 –

August 2018 –

September 2018 –

October 2018 – JOTA 20

November 2018 –

December 2018 – Christmas Party ?? January 2019 –

Winter Field Day 26 & 27 ?? February 2019 –

March 2019 –

April 2019 –

Events calendar was reviewed.

### **Meeting Programs**

May 19 – Radio and Scouting, KB5NFT

June 16 – Intro to soldering, WB8YWA

July 21 – Intro to AREDN, K5WXR

August 18 –

September 15 –

October 20 – JOTA event, meeting at Conner Pavilion – no presentation

November 17 –

December 15 –

January 19 – Intro to DXing, W5JK February 16 –

March 16 –

April 2

Meeting programs were reviewed. We (Ron Ford and Officers) will be looking back to the survey results to be enclosed in the meeting programs.

Any other new business

Reviewed club meeting slides for general meeting on Saturday...  
We did review the slides for the upcoming May 19, 2018 meeting.

June Officer meeting is scheduled for– June 19, 2018  
General Club meeting is Scheduled for– June 23, 2018

### **Adjournment**

Ron Ford Adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Minutes Hereby submitted:

Ron Swain, KG5VIV. Secretary

May 29, 2018