

## **LARA Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2018**

President, Ron Ford, KF5OMH, called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S.A.

### **Officers in Attendance:**

President: Ron Ford, KF5OMH  
Vice President: Mike Reitz, W5EVT  
Treasurer: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX  
Secretary: Ron Swain, KG5VIV  
Technical Officer, Jim Horton, WB8YWA  
Operations Officer: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI  
Public Information Officer: Ron Bath, KG5VIS  
VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK

### **Attendance:**

#### Members:

- Dan Bates, KG5OIY
- Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR
- John Courtney, none
- Dale Finley, KB5NFT
- Walter Logan, AG5CF
- Joe Magnusson, N5PLY
- Lee Norup, K5WXR
- Jay Sanford, KE5BCP
- Roger Carver, AE5EZ

### **Guests:**

- Connor Farrell, WG1GEM
- Tod Farrell, WE5TR

### **Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting**

Minutes from the March and April meetings are still waiting to be transcribed as our previous Secretary has been out sick. They will be presented at the June 2018 meeting or via club communications in some form.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Clark Highsmith, K5LGX, presented the Treasurer's Financial Report as of May 2018.

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$3,137.63
Checking Ending Balance:	\$3,062.95

### **Savings Account**

Savings Beginning Balance:	\$38.02
Savings Ending Balance:	\$38.02

Club Assets Balance:	\$3,300.00
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LARA NET VALUE	\$6,400.97
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As of May 2018 we had 41 regular paid members, 1 associate member, and 13 inactive members.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion by Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Approved by members.

### **Vice President Report**

Mike Reitz, W5EVT presented the report

Monthly presentations - Mike will be responsible for getting presentations for the meeting each month. Mike has started to put together a list of an request various people to present topics that are beneficial to the club membership.

Events - 4 per year - It has been determined that we should keep planned events to around 4 per year due to the club size and our ability to participate with existing membership levels.

Swap Meet - July 7, Vista Ridge Sports Complex. Mike reminded us of the upcoming swap meet at Vista Ridge Sport Complex, 2950 Lake Vista Drive, at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

JOTA - Mike requested the club keep in mind the JOTA date in October 20<sup>th</sup> and to volunteer to participate in this great event. We are looking for volunteers in all areas of putting on this event.

### **Technical Report**

The Technical Report was presented by Jim Horton, WB8YWA

145.170 W5FKN repeater is working and performing as it should.

Two New Comet CX 33 Tri-Band antenna for sale. The established price is \$145-  
\$130 with any club member being a price of \$130 each to them.  
One comment CA-Super 22 antenna for sale. The established price is \$145.

Motions to approve Technical Report as presented.

Motion by: Walter Logan, AG5CF

Seconded by: Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR

Approved by members

### **Operations Report**

The Operations Report was presented by Dale Chatman, WA5WNI.

Amateur Radio in the schools -

Field Day - Dale is looking for volunteers to help with the Field day on July 23,

ISS - Dale is volunteering to chair a committee to put together group to set up radios and to communicate/talk to the Space Station. Contacting NASA and FCC would be necessary to set up time for the connection hopefully in time for Field day on July 23.

### **Public Information Report**

The Public Information Report was presented by Ron Bath, KG5VIS.

Potential member invitations. Ron Bath working on a project to send invitations to prospective members/interested parties that want to get started in HAM radio. He is looking at having all members stay alert as we move throughout the community daily for those people we might involve. Dale Chatham and Jim Horton are looking into getting grid square EM13lb. Also to make QSL cards available to send out.

### **VEC Report**

Steve Kline, W5JK, presented the VEC Report at the meeting.

Steve, W5JK talked about our general process of testing for new HAMS and that he is able to set up testing most anytime. He would like to have at least a couple of weeks' notice before hand. We discussed that it is not necessary to have a test time every month or couple months but we do need to test 4 time year in order for him to keep his certification without getting recertificated. Steve, W5JK, is even willing to set up testing for one, (1) person if needed.

### **Old Business**

Membership Survey - Ron Ford, KF5OMH talked about the results of the survey noting that we had 16 submitted. Some of the suggestions were activities for presentations, others for longer term learning and serving.

Medical City Lewisville update - Leon Russell manager over the EOC for the hospital contacted Ron Ford in connection with setting up an EOC that at one time was setup by Jim Horton, WB8YWA. Jim Horton, Mike Reitz, and Ron Ford met with Mr. Russell and determined the present radio equipment would need to be relocated to a place with desktop ability to use it. Mike, Reitz, Jim Horton and Ron Ford have said they are will to get the space set. Mike Reitz, and Ron Ford have offered to operate the equipment for the EOC when it is operational.

## **New Business**

Lee Norup, K5WXR, former Chairman of the Officers Elections Committee inquired in the meeting if the committee was still activated. It was noted that once the committee has fulfilled their obligation with presenting a panel of names for officers election that committee is officially dissolved.

Lee Norup, K5WXR, brought a question to the floor asking if the club had written a letter/card of a "Thank You" to a lady that had said the club had taken down an antenna at 321 Elm St. that was her husband's (she just wanted it gone). It was discovered in conversation the LARA Club was not involved in the removal of the antenna it was done by two club members as private citizens and a thank you was given verbally and a letter were sent by them to the lady.

PIO - Ron Bath, want us to invite potential members to meetings and event activities.

He want to initiate a letter that points these folks to our website, newsletters and events communications. As part of this a fold up brochure may be developed to help in this effort.

Beyond these comments I do not have any more notes for New Business. If you have and corrections or additions please speak up.

## **Announcements**

Growing the Organization

Drawing for members when you guests bring guess to monthly meetings.

ARES

Skywarn Trx

Training Net May 24

Ham-Com 2018

June 8-10, Plano Event Center - 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway

Breakfast Location

Beginning 5/26 - Mill Street Diner, 727 S. Mill

Amateur Radio Week Proclamation

June 4, 19:00 @ Lewisville City Hall.

**Presentation**

Our presentation was brought to us by Dale Finley, KB5NFT.  
He presented the approach he was going to employ at Philmont Boy Scout  
Camp this summer in New Mexico.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:24 AM.

Motion by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI  
Seconded by: Lee Norup, K5WXR  
Approved by members

Please let me know of any omissions.

Minutes are submitted:

Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Secretary  
May 7, 2018