

LARA Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2018

Vice President Jim Lavin, K5VZ, called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM with the reciting of the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers in Attendance:

- Vice President: Jim Lavin, K5VZ
- Secretary: Tim Monk, WZ5TM
- Treasurer: Ron Ford, KF5OMH
- Operations Officer: Mike Reitz W5EVT
- Technical Officer: Jim Horton, WB8YWA
- Public Information Officer: Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Attendance:

Members:

- Jay Sanford, KE5BCP
- Lonnie Pringle, KG5KNT
- Benjamin Highsmith, KG5NIN
- Clark Highsmith, K5LGX
- Dale Chatham, WA5WNI
- Dan Bates, KG5OIY
- Joe Magnusson, N5PLY
- Larry Wilson, WW5LS
- Lee Norup, K5WXR
- Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR
- Ron Swain, KG5VIV
- Robert Williams, KG5YAT

Guests:

- Mike Beck, WX5MAB
- Jim Wright, W5TCN

Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes of the February meeting were published in the March issue of the LARA Newsletter. Minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Ford, KF5OMH, presented the Treasurer's Financial Report as of January 19, 2018.

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$2,850.36
Checking Ending Balance:	\$3,862.14
Savings Beginning Balance:	\$38.02
Savings Ending Balance:	\$38.02
Club Assets Balance:	\$3,404.60
LARA NET VALUE	\$6,304.76

Treasurer's Report approved by the membership.

Technical Report

The Technical Report was presented by Jim Horton, WB8YWA.

The 145.17 repeater is working correctly.

Club has Alpha 76A, full legal limit amplifier for sale. Good for parts only. Asking \$250.00.

Two Comet CX333 tri-band antennas for sale. Asking \$145.00

One Comet CA Super 22 antenna for sale. Asking \$125.00.

Technical Report was approved by the membership.

Operations Report

April Swap Meet will be held April 14.

Amateur Radio in the Schools
Place holder only at this time.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will be held October 20 at Conner Pavilion. Additional information will be forthcoming at later meetings.

The Operations Report was approved by the membership.

Old Business

Ron Bath, KG5VIS reported on the Maker Faire that was held in Denton on February 24. LARA participated along with DCARA and LAARK. The event was very successful with many attendees stopping by the both to learn about our hobby. A young man who recently obtained his license was given a HT radio by one of the members and he was able to make his first on-air contact at the event.

Nomination/Election Committee chair Lee Norup, K5WXR, reported that the following individuals have been nominate for the club positions for the 2018-2019 club year. Ballots will be sent to each member via HamClubOnline within the next few days. The election time period will end at 1700C on April 20 with the results being announced at the April 21 business meeting.

Position	Nominee
President	Ron Ford, KF5OMH
Vice President	Mike Reitz, W5EVT
Secretary	Ron Swain, KG5VIV
Treasurer	Clark Highsmith, K5LGX
Technical Director	Jim Horton, WB8YWA
Operations Director	Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

New Business

Lee Norup made a motion to provide Len Shipp, KC5MPX with a life time membership to the association in recognition of his efforts in founding the club and leading it as president for the past 3 years. Second by Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR. Mike Reitz asked that voting be accomplished by secret ballot. Ballots were distributed. 17 votes cast – 9 for, 7 against, 1 abstain. The motion passed.

Upcoming Events

The General training classes will be held April 28-29, May 5-6 and 12-13

Texas State Parks on the Air will be conducted April 7-8

Mentorfest 2018 will be held April 28 at the Hella Shrine, 2121 Rowlett Rd. Garland

Ham-Com 2018, June 8 – June 10, Plano Event Center, 2000 East Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX 75074, Friday 1:00PM – 5:00PM, Saturday 8:00AM – 5:00PM, Sunday 8:00AM – 2:00PM. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/hamcom/home>.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50AM.

Due to the serious illness of the secretary these minutes were produced by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, utilizing notes and presentation slides.