

## LARA Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2018

President, Ron Ford, KF5OMH, called the meeting to order at 8 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  
Operations Officer: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI  
Technical Officer: Jim Horton, WB8YWA  
VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK

### Attendance:

#### Members:

- Perry Abernethy, NE5ET
- Rich Alverson, WA5ED
- Dan Bates, KG5OIJ
- Ron Bath, KG5VIS
- Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR
- Roger Carver, AE5EZ
- David Jackson, N3PQ
- Judy Jackson, W5SKJ
- Bob Linker, W5SQA
- Marty Wells, KM5OI

#### Guests:

- Jennifer Thimesch, KG5WYR
- Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB
- Sean Compton, n/a

### Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting

Minutes from the [August meeting](#) were presented in email. No corrections called for.

Motions to approve June meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Approved by members

Treasurer's Report - Clark Highsmith, K5LGX,

*Treasurer's Financial Report as of [Sept 11, 2018](#).*

We are going to be paying some bills, EQSL renewal \$30.00 and ARRL Insurance about \$200.00 as well as JOTA expenses on along.

Be sure to bring a visitor to get a ticket towards drawing for most new members.

### Checking Account

Checking Beginning Balance: \$3635.69

#### Income

ARRL	\$59.00
Total Income	\$59.00

#### Expenses

ARRL	\$00.00
Misc	\$00.00
Total Expenses	\$00.00

Checking Ending Balance: \$3,635.69

Petty Cash (included in balance) \$3.00

Club Assets:

For Sale	\$0.00	
Stock (not for Sale)	\$789.95	
Loaner Equipment	\$1,395.00	
		\$2,184.95
LARA NET VALUE		\$5,820.64

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.  
 Motion by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI  
 Seconded by: Roger Carver, AE5EZ  
 Approved by members.

Vice President Report - Mike Reitz, W5EVT  
 Promoting JOTA. Brochures are out in area businesses  
 JOTA is Jamboree on The Air which is an event to promote amateur radio in the Scouts.  
 JOTA is at Connor Pavilion, Lake Park. Two HF stations and VHF station. Need help as net loggers, and station operators.

Technical Report - Jim Horton, WB8YWA  
 Jim Horton, note that the repeater 145.170 is up and working.  
 He thanked DCARA for keeping the repeater running and specifically Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB from DCARA  
 Reminder of Information Help Net ever, Wednesdays at 7pm. We had 19 check ins last Wednesday which he believes it is a record number.

Operations Report - Dale Chatham, WA5WNI  
 ISS: Amateur radio on the space station. The lady at the technology center is on vacation, and he is talking to them about setting up something for the ISS. but If we are not able to set up by the end of the month it will have to be bumped because closing date is September.  
 Winter Field Day: Looking for 2-4 volunteers for January 26 & 27, 2019.  
 Amateur Radios in Schools: Sent emails to all high school science teachers with no response. We have a contact through Dale Finley that knows someone in the school district.

Public Information Report - Ron Ford, KF5OMH  
 Ron Bath, KG5VIS has stepped down from the position. If you know of someone who is interested please come forward.  
 Ron Bath was presented a with a certification of appreciation for the outstanding job he has done by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President.  
 The fire department open house is coming up Oct 13, 2018.

VEC Report - Steve Kline, W5JK  
 Scheduled dates for testing:  
 9/15/18 10:00-12:00  
 12/15/18 10:00-12:00  
 All Testing is at the Lewisville Fire Station #1.

ARES  
 Training Net – Thursdays Sept 20 @ 7pm, 146.920. Always on the Thursday of each month.  
 July newsletter has new training requirements.

Old Business  
 Dinner Follow-up: We were successful with the dinner with great comments. Some wives suggested that the wives sit together and men sit together that way the wives could get to know one another easier.  
 Christmas Party: Korner Café at 7PM on December 15<sup>th</sup>. (PYOB). We will be playing games and will need to bring a gift for each person playing the game of less that \$20.  
 JOTA: We have been able to get the national call sign of the Boy Scouts of America, K2BSA. He will need help at each stations.  
 We need admin folks to work with the boys as they show up. Time is 10am-5pm Oct 20.  
 SWAP Meet: Mike Reitz, W5EVT, Rev. Alvin Turner Sr Park, 700 Hembry & Birch, Lewisville, TX  
 Medical Reserve Corp: Ron Ford, KF5OMH stated MRC is looking for General licensed operators for help.  
 Santa On the Air: Mike Reitz, W5EVT says that it is hard to work with Walmart. They are not returning phone calls.  
 We are still look for a space to set up.

New Business  
 No new Business.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

October: Lewisville Fire Department Open House Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.  
JOTA event Oct 20 10am-5pm  
November: Swap meet 11/17/18 (Rev. Alvin Turner Sr Park, 700 Hembry & Birch, Lewisville, TX)  
December: Christmas party: December 15, 2018 7 PM Korner Café, Lewisville.  
License testing Dec 15, Lewisville Fire Station #1  
Santa On the Air Dec 21-22  
January: Introduction SKY Warn Dale Chatham,  
Winter Field Day Jan 26-27, 2019  
February: Introduction to DXing. Steve Kline, W5JK

Breakfast Location:  
Mill Street Diner, 727 S. Mill Street

Adjourn  
Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reitz, W5EVT  
and seconded by Jim Horton, WB8YWA  
Vote approved by membership.

Presentation  
Our presentation was brought to us by Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB  
Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB of DCARA presented a lesson on the repeater operations throughout the DFW metroplex

*Ron Swain*

Minutes are submitted:  
Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Secretary  
October 18, 2018