

LARA Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2020

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President, Ron Ford, KF5OMH, called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S.A.

A quorum was present.

Officers in Attendance:

President: Ron Ford, KF5OMH
Vice President: Roger Carver, AE5EZ
Treasurer: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX
Secretary: Ron Swain, KG5VIV
Operations Officer: Mike Reitz, W5EVT
Technical Officer: Silent Key

Appointees in Attendance:

VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK
PIO Officer: absent
Youth Coordinator: Perry Abernethy, NE5ET
Newsletter Editor: David Jackson, W5YS

Members in Attendance:

John Courtney, KI5BBE
Marty Wells, KM5OI
Mike Asselta, KD0CDQ
William McNichols, WM1MM
Richard Zink, XWB6YGS, N5YTF (former call signs)
Matt Keathley KG5MVZ
Johnathon Allread, NE5J
Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Guests in Attendance:

Mike Jetton, KG5BOV

Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting

Minutes from the March 21, 2020, meeting was presented in email. No corrections called for.
Motions to approve October meeting minutes as presented.
Meeting Minutes were accepted as reported via email.

Treasurer's Report - Clark Highsmith, K5LG

LARA Treasure's Report – APRIL 14, 2020

Checking Account

Beginning Balance		\$3,052.60
Income		
	Miscellaneous (adjustments)	\$25.20
	Total Income	\$25.20
Expenses		
	PayPal Fees	\$00.00

Total Expenses \$00.00

Ending Balance \$3,077.80
Petty Cash (included in balance) \$29.50

CLUB ASSETS

For Sale \$0.00
Stock (not for sale) \$3,009.34
Loaner Equipment \$375.00

Total Assets \$3,384.34

LARA NET VALUE

\$6,491.64

Treasurer's Financial Report as of April 14, 2020.
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.
Treasurers' report was accepted as stated/presented.

We questioned the values of the stock and loaner equipment. Ron Ford KF5OMH said we need to look at that and re-evaluate those dollar values.

Membership: Ron Ford KF5OMH stated we now have 51 members.

Vice President – Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Presentations:

April: - VOACAP Propagation by Perry Abernethy, NE5ET.

May: - John Hill, KF5VO will be present a WinLink presentation.

June: - Dale Finley, RIG/PI

July: - Aaron Hulett, K8AMH, NTX Section Traffic Manager or Sammiee Espinosa, WX5JMD, on weather radar.

Aug: – Tom Schussier, N5HYP on AMSAT

Sept: – Dale Finley, KB5NFT, subject TBD

Technical Report: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Our repeater 145.170 is working fine.

Relocation of club assets: Mike Reitz, W5EVT is working a plan to move club assets from Jim Horton's residence to Roger Carver's storage area. A specific date has not been determined.

Operations Report: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Mike reminded us that we have a ARRL (summer) Field Day on June 27 & 28th. Hopefully we are able to use the regular location. We are looking for someone to be the chairman on the committee for that. Barb Harris volunteered to help.

Youth Education: Perry Abernethy, NE5ET

The Governor of Texas has closed all schools. Ron Ford, KF5OMH has been talking to the commander of the ROTC program at the high school. He approached us about us doing a class at the high school with about 30 of his students. Since they have closed the schools, it will be pushed back to the fall semester at the earliest.

Nothing new to report from Perry Abernethy, NE5ET.

Public Information Report: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Nothing to report.

VEC Report: Steve Kline, W5JK

Testing today is suspended until we have clearance after the COVID 19 pandemic and have a facility to administer the testing.

Upcoming 2020 test dates:

June 20, (tentative);

Sept. 19, (tentative)

Dec 19 (depending fall Tech Class) (tentative).
The Extra Class license test question pool will change in June

Newsletter Editor: David Jackson, W5YS

Ron Ford, KF5OMH thanked David for another fine newsletter this month and encouraged members to send in articles or information to David.

Send David news articles. His email is W5YS@aol.com

Old Business

Officer Elections results for 2020/2021– Steve Kline W5JK, Nomination/Election Chairman

Offices and Votes

President:

Mike Reitz – W5EVT (29 votes)

Replaces: Ron Ford, K5HOMH

Jim Lavin Jr. – K5VZ (1 write-in vote)

Vice President:

Jay Sanford 0 KE5BCP (19 votes)

Replaces: Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Roger Carver – AE5EZ (11 votes)

Secretary:

Michelle Sanford – (KI5AHI (15 votes)

Ron Swain – KG5VIV (15 votes)

**** Runoff vote to determine the Secretary position – Ballot to be sent 4/18/20 w/close 4/22 12:00pm.****

Results for Office of Secretary runoff election ending 4/22/2020:

19 votes for Michele Sanford - KI5AHI

Replaces: Ron Swain, KG5VIV

15 votes for Ron Swain - KG5VIV

Treasurer:

Ron Ford – KF5OMH (29 votes)

Replaces: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Technical Director:

Roger Carver – AE5EZ (30 vote)

Replaces: Jim Horton, WB8YWA (SK)

Operations Director:

Jim Lavin – K5VZ (30 votes)

Replaces: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Election Statistics:

30 Ballots cast – 50 Ballots sent – 60% membership voted.

1 write in – 0 abstain

Election Coordinator – Steve Kline W5JK

Please note the persons with the most votes have been declared the position winner. Their term in office begins May 1st, 2020.

New Business

No new business

Ron Ford, KF5OMH, gave a closing statement thanking all of the membership and officers for helping move the club forward in the past year.

Next Officer Meeting May 12, 2020

Next Business Meeting May 16, 2020

Announcements & Upcoming Events

LARA Information and Help Net – each Wednesday @ 1900 on the 145.17 repeater

ARES Training Net – 3rd Thurs. @ 1930 on 146.92 repeater

SATERN Net – each Tues. @ 1900 on 146.92 repeater

Texas State Parks on the Air Special Event Station – Apr. 18 & 19.

Check the WA7BNM Contest Calendar, ARRL Web Site and QST Magazine for other fun things to do

Today: North Texas Section Traffic Manager is having a short seminar on skills of handling and passing traffic at 2 pm.

Presentation

Perry Abernethy, NE5ET presented a very good program on the VOACAP tool for Propagation.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President.

Ron Swain

Minutes are submitted:
Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Secretary
April 18, 2020



Ron Ford
President