

LARA Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2017

Vice President Jim Lavin, K5VZ, called the meeting to order at 8:04 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
Technical Officer: Jim Horton, WB8YWA
Operations Officer: Mike Reitz, W5EVT
VE Coordinator: Steve Kline, W5JK

Attendance:

- Members:
 - Lee Norup, K5WXR
 - Walter Logan, AG5CF
 - Ron Bath, KG5VIS
 - Clark Highsmith, K5LGX
 - Benjamin Highsmith, KG5NIN
 - Ron Swain, WR5VIV
 - Rick Alverson, W5RPA
 - Larry Wilson, WW5LS

Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting

The November 2017 meeting minutes were printed in the December 2017 newsletter. A motion to approve the November 2017 was made.

Motioned by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Seconded by: Jim Horton, WB6YWA

Approved by the Members

Treasurer's Report

Ron Ford, KF5OMH, presented the Treasurer's Financial Report as of December 13, 2017.

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$2,464.42
Checking Ending Balance:	\$2,464.42
Savings Beginning Balance:	\$31.66
Savings Ending Balance:	\$31.66
Club Assets Balance:	\$3,404.60
LARA NET VALUE	\$5,900.68

Motion to approve Treasurer's Financial Report as presented.

Motioned by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Ron Swain, WR5VIV
Approved by the Members

Technical Report

Jim Horton, WB8YWA,, presented the Technical Report.

The 145.17 Repeater is operating properly.

The 222 Repeater is down for good.

The club voted 'NO' to spending \$2,000 - \$3,000 on the 1.25 Meter (222 MHz) repeater.

Motion to approve Technical Report as presented.

Motioned by: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Seconded by: Tim Monk, W Motion to approve Treasurer's Financial Report as presented.

Approved by the Members

Operations Report

Mike Reitz, presented the Operations Report.

The Christmas Party was a success. 28 Adults and 2 Children attended and a good time was had by all.

Winter Field Day will be on January 27 and 28, 2018. It will be held at Conner Pavilion in Lake Park. More information at the January 2018 Meeting.

Motion to approve Operations Report as presented.

Motioned by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Seconded by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Approved by the Members

Old Business

Maker Project from November meeting.

A motion was made to close it out.

Motioned by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Seconded by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Approved by the Members

Amateur Radios in Schools, Mike Reitz, W5EVT, will research this topic after the Holidays.

222 MHz Repeater. It was moved to 'Table' releasing this repeater pair until after the March 2018,

Motioned by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Seconded by: Jim Lavin, W5VZ

Approved by the Membership with a vote of 8 for and 5 against

Communications with Santa. Thanks to Ron Bath, KG5VIS, as Santa and Ron Ford, KF5OMH, as Net Control. There was an issue with Wal-Mart about setting up on their property. Possible use of Dairy Queen for the second night. The first night had 9 kids making contact with Santa!

Tailgate Swap meet will be on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Vista Ridge Athletic Fields parking lot. It will be from 10AM until 1PM.

The Denton County Maker Faire will be on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Denton Civic Center.

DCARA has been nice enough to allow us to use the 145.170 repeater as our club repeater and for our NETs. It is moved to make a one-time donation of \$150 to DCARA to thank them for this service.

Motioned by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Seconded by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Approved by the Membership

We need to come up with a schedule of Classes for 2018. This would include license classes as well as possible topical classes.

It was moved to dissolve the current junk boxes by giving away everything in them at the January 13, 2018 Tailgate Swap Meet.

Motioned by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Seconded by: Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Approved by the Membership

New Business

Elections are coming up in April 2018. We need an Election Committee to run the Elections. We need an Election Committee Chairman and at least one other member. We need candidates in March, the election in April, and new officers take office May 1, 2018.

Jim Horton, WB8YWA, will remain as Technical Officer through the remainder of his term.

Motion to return, sell or give 2 Comet CX333 antennas for the ex-222MHz repeaters to the Repeater Committee.

Motioned by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Seconded by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Approved by the Membership

Presentation

There was no presentation this month.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25AM.

Motioned by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Seconded by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Approved by the Members

Hereby submitted:

Tim Monk, WZ5TM, Secretary

January 16, 2018