

LARA Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2018

Treasurer. Ron Ford, KF5OMH, called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM with the reciting of the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers in Attendance:

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

Attendance:

Members:

- Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR
- Dale Chatham, WA5WNI
- John Courtney, No Callsign
- Clark Highsmith, K5LGX
- Benjamin Highsmith, KG5NIN
- Lee Norup, K5WXR
- Lonnie Pringle, KG5KNT
- Ron Swain, KG5VIV
- Jay Sanford, KE5BCP

Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting

The January 2018 meeting minutes were e-mailed to all members on February 14, 2018. No corrections were noted. A motion to approve the January 2018 minutes was made.

Motioned by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Seconded by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Approved by the Members

Treasurer's Report

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

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$2,904.27
Checking Ending Balance:	\$2,854.97
Savings Beginning Balance:	\$38.02
Savings Ending Balance:	\$38.02
Club Assets Balance:	\$3,404.60
LARA NET VALUE	\$6,297.59

We have Club assets that have not been entered into the the system. Ron Ford, KF5OMH, and Jim Horton, WB8YWA, will work on this issue

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motioned by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Approved by the Members

Technical Report

The Technical Report was presented by Jim Horton, WB8YWA. The 145.17 repeater is working correctly.

We have an Alpha 76A, full legal limit amplifier for sale. It needs three 8874 tubes, which are no longer manufactured. The transformer, the tank circuit, and the power board are all in excellent condition. We are asking \$250 for this amplifier which can be used for parts.

We are trying to sell 2 Comet CX333 tri-band base antennas. In addition, we have a Comet CA Super 22 - 220 MHz Base Station / Repeater Fiberglass Antenna. You can find additional information on the LARA-bay section of our website at <http://www.w5lvc.org/lara-bay>.

Motion to approve the Technical Report as presented.

Motioned by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Seconded by: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Approved by the Members

Operations Report

Mike Reitz, presented the Operations Report.

Winter Field Day was held on January 27 and 28, 2018 at Conner Pavilion in Lake Park. We had several groups operating.

Jim Horton, WB8YWA and Mike Reitz, W5EVT worked mostly 160 Meters overnight.

Clark Highsmith, K5LGX, and Jim Lavin, K5VZ, each brought a rig to work various bands.

Lee Norup, K5WXR, setup up an AREDN node before being called away for urgent personal business.

The next Tailgate Swap meet will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Vista Ridge Athletic Complex, 2950 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville. It will run from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Invite people from other clubs to both buy and sell.

The Irving Amateur Radio Club will hold its 2018 Hamfest on March 3rd. It will be at Betcha Bingo, 2420 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, TX. The doors will open at 8:00 AM with ticket sales starting at 7:00 AM. Advance tickets can be purchased on the website <http://irvingarc.com/hamfest-2018/>.

Amateur Radio in the Schools

Mike Reitz, W5EVT, has had trouble making contact with the LISD person in charge of such opportunities. He will continue trying.

Medical City Lewisville is possibly looking for a relationship with LARA for 3 people to operate the HF radios they have and 2 more for possible packet operations and AREDN nodes. DCARA has a Hospital Coordinator who needs to be in the loop for these operations.

Motion to approve Operations Report as presented.

Motioned by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Seconded by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Approved by the Members

Old Business

Maker Faire will be held February 24th at 10:00AM in the Denton Civic Center. Ron Bath, KG5VIS has obtained a 2m/70cm J-Pole Antenna, an Oscilloscope Kit, and several 3D printed ham related parts to show at the booth.

This year's Skywarn Training in Denton County will be held on February 24th at TWU's Margo Jones Performance Hall at 9:00 AM-12 Noon (basic) and 1:00-4:30 PM (advanced). If you are an ARES member, you must take the basic training once every 2 years.

Election Committee

The Election Committee will consist of Lee Norup, K5WXR, and Jay Sanford, KE5BCP. The election schedule will be:

- February 17th until March 17th – Nominations given to Lee or Jay.
- March 17th – Nominees presented at the Club meeting.
- March 17th until April 20th – Voting takes place on HamClubOnline.com.
- April 21st – Paper ballot voting for those unable to vote at HamClubOnline.
- April 21st – Results announced
- May 1st – New Officers take over their positions.

A motion was made to accept both the Maker Faire display and the Election Committee and Schedule.

Motioned by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Seconded by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Approved by the Membership

New Business

Lewisville Councilman R. Neal Ferguson, Place Number 2, has asked the Club to endorse him for reelection. Mr. Ferguson has been to several Club events including Field Day. A motion was made to endorse Mr. Ferguson for the Lewisville City Council.

Motioned by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Approved by the Membership

A Club member has presented the Executive Committee a nomination for a Life Membership. This nomination was tabled until the President Pro-Tem, Jim Lavin, K5VZ, returns.

Presentation

There was no presentation this month due to a conflict in the presenter's schedule.

Upcoming Events

March 3rd – Irving Hamfest-2018 at Betcha Bingo, 2420 W. Irving Blvd, Irving TX 75061, 8:00AM – 2:00PM, Admission \$5, Tables \$10

LARA Licensing Classes

General License Class, March 10-11, Lewisville Central Fire Station, 188 N. Valley Pkwy, Lewisville, TX, 75067, Door is at the rear of the station next to the gas pump. 8:00AM – 5:00PM, Open License Testing at the end of the second day.

Amateur Extra License Class, April 28-29, May 5-6, May 12-13, Lewisville Central Fire station, 188 N Valley Pkwy, Lewisville, TX 75067, Door is at the rear of the station next to the gas pump. 8:00AM – 5:00PM, Open License Testing at the end of the last day.

Additional information about these classes can be found at <https://w5lvc.org/training>.

Texas State Parks On the Air. April 7-8. Sponsored by Lake Area Amateur Radio Klub. See <https://www.tspot.org/> for more information.

Mentorfest 2018. April 28, Hella Shrine Center, 2121 Rowlett Rd., Garland, TX 75043, 8:00AM – 4:00PM. More information at <http://www.arrlntx.org/learning-center/mentorfest>.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:57AM.

Motioned by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Lonnie Pringle, KG5KNT

Approved by the Members

Hereby submitted:

Tim Monk, WZ5TM, Secretary

February 25, 2018