

## **LARA Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2020**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S.A.

Noted 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: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

### **Appointees in Attendance:**

VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK  
PIO Officer: Mike Weston, KI5DLF  
Education/Youth: absent  
Youth Coordinator: absent  
Newsletter Editor: David Jackson, W5YS

### **Members in Attendance:**

John Courtney, KI5BBE  
Marty Wells, KM5OI  
Jim Davis, AG5UZ  
Dale Finley, KB5NFT  
Leslie Bannon WF5E  
Mike Asselta, KD0CDQ

### **Guests in Attendance:**

Barb Harris  
Richard Ziink, XWB6YGS, N5YTF (former call signs)

### **Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting**

Minutes from the JANUARY 18, 2020, meeting were presented in email. No corrections called for.  
Motions to approve October meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA  
Seconded by: Mike Weston, KI5DLF  
Approved by members

**Treasurer's Report** - Ron Ford, KF5OMH for Clark Highsmith, K5LGX  
We have a total of 46 members.

## **LARA Treasure's Report - February 11, 2020**

### **Checking Account**

Beginning Balance \$2,718.91

Income

Dues	\$105.00
Total Income	\$105.00

Expenses

Paypal Fees \$3.23  
Total Expenses \$3.23

Ending Balance \$2820.68  
Petty Cash (included in balance) \$0.00

**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** \$6,205.02

*Treasurer's Financial Report as of FEBRUARY 11, 2020.*

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion by: Roger Carver AE5EZ

Seconded by: David Jackson, W5YS

Approved by members.

**Vice President** – Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Roger said that he still needed a presenter for June.

March: I-gate by Dale Finley, KB5NFT.

April: Propagation by Perry Abernethy, NE5ET.

May: John Hill will be present Winlink presentation.

**Technical Report:** Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Our repeater 145.170 is working fine.

General Class: Has been cancelled due to the lack of people signing up. Jim will do one-on-ones with the 2 HAMs that signed up for the class. We will still have testing in March.

Donated Equipment: Carolyn Womack, KC5OZT,(SK) estate donated equipment to the club. We got a 2 meter Yaseu 2900, Radio Shack switching power supply. 1980 iCom with matching power supply, ALS solid state amplifier. We also got a MFJ 300 watt tuner. We will have some items up for sale.

**Operations Report:** Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Winter Field Day Follow-up: We had 13 members and 5 guests come out. One of the guests was the Youth Section Coordinator, Katherine Forsom and her dad (Driver). We made 206 contact, 133 on CW and 73 on phone across 40 and 20 meters.

Next Event: We have a ARRL (summer) Field Day on June 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for someone to be the chairman on the committee for that. Barb Harris volunteered help.

**Youth Education:** Ron Ford, KF5OMH for Perry Abernethy, NE5ET

Katherine Forsom, Youth Section Coordinator came for Winter Field Day. She worked trying to get a satellite contact to no avail.

**Pubic Information Report:** Mike Weston, KI5DLF

Mike reminded us of the FaceBook page and the information club members can see on activities happening. ARRL is an amazing website for information. ARRL has some new technical podcasts on the website.

**VEC Report:** Steve Kline, W5JK

Upcoming 2020 test dates:

March 21, June 20, Sept. 19, and Dec 19 (depending fall Tech Class)

**Newsletter Editor:** David Jackson, W5YS

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

## **Old Business**

Officer Elections – Steve Kline W5JK, Nomination/Election Chairman

### **Offices to be filled**

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Operations Director  
Technical Director

We would like to see some new people in positions.

## **New Business**

Ron Ford, KF5OMH made the following motion

LARA By-Laws Revision

Proposal to remove the following paragraph:

Article V:

G) No individual member may hold more than one (1) elected office concurrently.

Several comments were made as to officer positions. Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President state he would take those suggestions and come up with a proposal to be voted on next month.

Asset Storage: Mike Reitz, W5EVT made note that we need to look for a place to store the club assets. He had investigated a number of storage facilities and found that the cost would be a \$50 minimum. He went on to ask that members looking and asking anyone they know in local business etc. that have a facility that would allow us to have access storage.

Next Officer Meeting March 17, 2020

Next Business Meeting March 21, 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

ARRL Intl. DX CW Contest – Feb. 15-16

SKYWARN Training – Feb. 22, 0800-1200 TWU MCL building

CQ 160m Contest, SSB Feb. 22-23

Hella Shrine ARC Sidewalk Sale, Feb. 29 – every month with a 5th Saturday

SC QSO Party, Feb. 29

North Carolina QSO Party – Mar. 1-2

Irving Ham Fest – Mar. 7, 0800-1400 @ Betcha Bingo Hall

ARRL Intl. DX Phone Contest – Mar. 7-8

OKLA. QSO Party – Mar. 14-15

LAARK Go Box Challenge – Mar. 21, 0900-? @ Little Elm Park

VA QSO Party – Mar. 21-22

Texas State Parks on the Air – Apr. 18 & 19, Isle Du Bois Park @ Lake Ray Roberts

## **Presentation:**

Roger Carver AE5EZ

## **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President.

*Ron Swain*

Minutes are submitted:

Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Secretary

February 12, 2019