

LARA Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2018

Vice President Jim Lavin, K5VZ, called the meeting to order at 8:00 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
- Operations Officer: Mike Reitz, W5EVT
- Public Information Officer: Ron Bath, KG5VIS
- VE Coordinator: Steve Kline, W5JK

Attendance:

Members:

- Lee Norup, K5WXR
- Walter Logan, AG5CF
- Clark Highsmith, K5LGX
- Benjamin Highsmith, KG5NIN
- Ron Swain, KG5VIV
- Rick Alverson, W5RPA
- Tyler Cruse, KG5LSO
- Harry Lee, K5DRZ
- Jay Sanford, KE5BCP
- Marty Wells, KM5OI

Visitors

- Marco Medina, KG5KAX

Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting

The December 2017 meeting minutes were printed in the January 2018 newsletter. A motion to approve the December 2017 minutes was made.

Motioned by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Seconded by: Walter Logan, AC5CF

Approved by the Members

Treasurer's Report

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

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$2,597.96
Checking Ending Balance:	\$2,690.12
Savings Beginning Balance:	\$31.66
Savings Ending Balance:	\$31.66
Club Assets Balance:	\$3,404.60

LARA NET VALUE

\$6,126.38

As of January 20, 2018, we had 22 paid members, 2 associate members, and 25 unpaid expired members.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motioned by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Approved by the Members

Technical Report

The Technical Report was presented by Jim Lavin, K5VZ. The 145.17 repeater is working correctly.

Motion to approve the Technical Report as presented.

Motioned by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Approved by the Members

Operations Report

Mike Reitz, presented the Operations Report.

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

We will be operating from 1:00PM Saturday until 12:59PM on Sunday.

Jim Horton, WB8YWA and Mike Reitz, W5EVT will be working 160 Meters.

Lee Norup, K5WXR will be setting up an ARDEN node for demonstration purposes.

Motion to approve Operations Report as presented.

Motioned by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Seconded by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Approved by the Members

Old Business

The Tailgate Swap Meet was held January 13, 2018. Four people attended due to the weather.

Maker Faire will be held February 24th at 10:00AM in the Denton Civic Center. Ron Bath, KG5VIS will be coordinating with DCARA and LAARK for the Amateur Radio 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.

Ham License Classes will be held for both Technician and General Licenses. Two 2 day classes will be held for Technician Licenses. One 6 day class will be held for General Licenses. A testing session will be held at the end of the last class date. The dates are:

Technician Class:

March 10-11

The date for the second Technician class is TBD.

General Class:

April 28-29

May 5-6

May 12-16

Ron Ford, KF5OMH will check to see if the Fire Department room will be available on these dates.

Elections are coming up in March and April. Lee Norup, K5WXR is chairman of the Election Committee and needs at least one other person to serve on this committee.

Amateur Radio in Schools, Mike Reitz, W5EVT, will be meeting with the Lewisville Independent School District about this subject.

222 MHz Repeater. It was moved to kill this repeater: based upon the recommendation from the Repeater Committee.

Motioned by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Approved by the Membership

A one-time donation of \$150 was made to DCARA to thank them for the use of the 145.170 repeater. This donation was gratefully acknowledged by DCARA.

A motion was made to sell, for cost, all three 222 MHz antennas. We will offer them to other clubs first and then to the general public.

Motioned by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Seconded by: Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Approved by the Membership

New Business

The president has resigned his position. A motion was made to make Jim Lavin, K5VZ President Pro-Tem until the next election. This was made due to the closeness of the next elections.

Motioned by: Tim Monk, WZ5TM

Seconded by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Approved by the Membership

Ron Ford, KF5OMH has started using HamClubOnline to manage the Club's information. We are currently under a Beta testing agreement with them. A motion was made to use HamClubOnline while it is free.

Motioned by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Approved by the Membership

Presentation

Ron Bath, KG5VIS gave a presentation on the new LARA web site. A big thanks was made to Jim Lavin, K5VZ for developing and running the previous web site. Also, thanks to Ron Bath, KG5VIS for this new web site, that brings us into the 21st century.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25AM.

Motioned by: Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Seconded by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Approved by the Members

Hereby submitted:

Tim Monk, WZ5TM, Secretary

February 14, 2018