

LARA Meeting Minutes, July 21, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S.A.

Officers in Attendance:

President: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Vice President: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Treasurer: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Secretary: Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Operations Officer: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Public Information Officer: Ron Bath, KG5VIS

VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK

Attendance:

Members:

- Richard Alverson, WA5ED
- Dan Bates, KG5OIY
- Roger Carver, AE5EZ
- John Courtney, none
- Lonnie Pringle, KG5KNT
- Marty Wells, KM50I

Guests:

- Bob Linker, W5SQA
- Tracy Edwards, AB5TE
- Jennifer Thimesch, KG5WYR
- David Jackson, N3PQ

Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting

Minutes from the [June meeting](#) were presented in the News Letter. No corrections called for.

Motions to approve June meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Seconded by: Dan Bates, KG5RJR

Approved by members

Treasurer's Report

Clark Highsmith, K5LGX, presented the Treasurer's Financial Report as of July 16, 2018.

We have switched banks to Point Bank.

Checking Account

Checking Beginning Balance: \$3,530.77

Income

Dues \$40.00

Total Income \$40.00

Expenses

Total Expenses \$0.00

Checking Ending Balance: \$3,530.77

Club Assets:

For Sale \$0.00

Stock (not for Sale) \$789.95

Loaner Equipment \$1,395.00

\$2,184.95

LARA NET VALUE

\$5,755.72

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Approved by members.

Vice President Report

Mike Reitz, W5EVT presented the report

July 31, 2018 meeting to JOTA to talk about getting out information through flyers and brochures. All that are interested are welcome to show up.

Meeting Programs:

August: Antenna built for HOA and like areas. – Roger Carver, AE5EZ

September: Repeater operations. - Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB, (DCARA member)

October: JOTA event

November:

December: Christmas part: December 15, Korner Café, Lewisville.

January: Introduction SKY Warn Dale Chatham,

February: Introduction to DXing. Steve Kline, W5JK

Technical Report

Ron Ford, noted that was absent today Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Ron also note that the repeater 145.170 is up and working.

Operations Report

The Operations Report was presented by Dale Chatham, WA5WNI.

Amateur Radio in the schools – Still working on this issue.

ISS – Dale is looking for help for to build various equipment for this. Let him know of your interested.

Dale is building out his trailer for use in a mobile environment. He showed slides of the trailer and talked about the intended use of it with Field Days, JOTA and other events the association might have.

Public Information Report

The Public Information Report was presented by Ron Bath, KG5VIS.

New Letter has been published. Ron is interested in any feedback and new stories. He would. Like to also have a picture of anyone who does not presently have a picture on the website.

VEC Report

Steve Kline, W5JK, presented the VEC Report at the meeting

Scheduled dates for testing:

7/21/18 10:00-12:00

9/15/18 10:00-12:00

12/15/18 10:00-12:00

All Testing is at the Lewisville Fire Station #1.

Old Business

Ron Ford, KF5OMH is still working on the Medical City Lewisville connection.

Ron Ford reported that the SOP changes had some updates that were approved at the last officer meeting.

SOPs can be seen on the LARA web site. Minimal changes to reflect the way we are actually operating.

The purposed changes to the By-the-Laws were emailed to the membership for them to read in preparation for a vote.

New Business

This is not an official association item

An idea was brought up that we have an evening social / dinner & drinks once a quarter. If anyone interested in doing this we could put together something.

Ron Ford said we will look in to doing this.

Mike Reitz, W5EVT brought an idea for the association to connect Ecolink through the 145.1700 repeater with the 440 repeater (has Ecolink).

This would allow us to link repeater together and talk all over the world or locally. There would be a need for some additional equipment which we don't know what it be. We can talk to Andrew at DCARA about the possibility and what is necessary to accomplish this. Dale Chatham, WA5WNI volunteered to investigate the equipment needed and cost. He will report back when he has information.

Santa On The Air: Mike Reitz, W5EVT is looking for a place to set up. Dates of 12/21-22/18 are set for this event.

Announcements

*August: Antenna built for HOA and like areas. – Roger Carver, AE5EZ
ARES Training, Aug 16 @1900 146.920 (-600 PL 110.9) (3RD Thursday of each month)*

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October: JOTA event Oct 20

November:

December: Christmas part: December 15, 2018 7 PM Korner Café, Lewisville.

License testing Dec 15, Lewisville Fire Station #1

Santa On The Air Dec 21-22

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Winter Field Day Jan 26-27, 2019

February: Introduction to DXing. Steve Kline, W5JK

Breakfast Location:

Mill Street Diner, 727 S. Mill

Presentation

Our presentation was brought to us by Ron Ford, KF5OMH

He spoke about The Hive at the Lewisville Public Library and what they have to offer to HAMs that want to pursue various interests.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Dale Chatham,

Motion by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Seconded by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Approved by members

Ron Swain

Minutes are submitted:

Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Secretary

August 16, 2018