

LARA Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2019

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:

VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK
PIO Officer: Absent
Education/Youth: Perry Abernethy, NE5ET

Members in Attendance:

Marty Wells, KM5OI
Billy Akos, KG5ZAP
Bill Akos, KG5ZAT

Guests in Attendance:

Bob Waldick, KI5UB
Ken Mitchell, KD2KW
Ken Rainey, AC5EZ
Quinn Hirniak, K15FLF
Mike Asselta, KD0CDQ
Rick Murphy, KG5HOA

Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting

Minutes from the [June 15, 2019](#) meeting were presented in email. No corrections called for.

Motions to approve June meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Seconded by: Perry Abernethy, NE5ET

Approved by members

Treasurer's Report - Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Treasurer's Financial Report as of [July 19, 2019](#).

Checking Account

Checking Beginning Balance: \$3,369.06

Income

Events	\$150.00	Deposited Refund
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Total Income	\$150.00
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Expenses

Events	\$35.00 (Field Day signs)
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Miscellaneous	\$630.00
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Total Expenses	\$665.00.00
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Checking Ending Balance:	\$2,854.06
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Petty Cash (included in balance)	\$0.00
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Club Assets:

For Sale	\$00.00	
Stock (not for Sale)	\$2,519.28	includes radio purchase
Loaner Equipment	\$375.00	
	\$2,894.28	
LARA NET VALUE		\$5,748.34

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion by: Perry Abernethy, NE5ET

Seconded by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Approved by members.

Vice President – Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Meeting Programs: Roger has scheduled several presentations:

July 20 - Ken Mitchell - KD2KW - LAARK club - Station Grounding Techniques and Methods

Aug 17 - Tod Farrell - WE5TR - DCARA club - Demonstration of Digital modes w/ emphasis on FT4 and FT8.

Sept 21 - Frank James - KG5ZNJ - LARA club - Beginner's Guide to C4FM using repeaters and ZumSpots.

Oct 19 - not confirmed - Robert Alan - N5IKD - DCARA club - Getting started in Direction Finding techniques and equipment.

Roger will present a bio on presenters later.

Technical Report: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

The repeater 145.17 is working good but we are not able to put it into information mode.

We found a FT 950 and purchased for use by the club as a companion for the other FT 950 for club events.

We are going to have a Technician Class in the fourth quarter. We are looking toward to General Class after that. Anyone that wants to be on the committee contact, Jim Horton, WB8YWA.

Operations Report: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

We had a good Field Day. We had 174 contacts, 103 by Phone, 68 by CW, and 3 by Digital.

Western Days Special Event We start preparation now for the September 28 event. We will be setting up a trailer for the parade with a station set up. We will need volunteers for the parade and for HF operations for the event.

JOTA – October 19: The first of August we will start to put out flyers. The first week in September Mike will be visiting the Scout Units and the 3 districts in our area promoting JOTA. We will be operating under the call sign K2BSA Section 5. Last year we were the largest group of participants.

Christmas Party: December 14, 2019, 6:30pm, Korner Café.

The World Wide Boy Scouts of America Jamboree will be starting tomorrow. They will operate under their call signs.

Youth Education: Perry Abernethy, NE5ET

Radios in the Schools -We haven't talked to anyone as of now.

Science Fairs – Is waiting on official Fairs management folks to get started for the year.

Public Information Report: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Mike Weston has filed a report with ARRL NTX Section on our Field Day. He sent a picture to them.

Mike has already posted pictures on our FaceBook page for Western Days. Special thanks to Clark Highsmith, K5LWX for designing our QSL card.

VEC Report: Steve Kline, W5JK

Testing has been slow recently to include the last testing session.

We will have new General Class test questions all changed.

Dates for testing is on Club meeting date 8/17.

Old Business

13 Colonies Event – We had an intra-club contest. Steve Kline, W5JK was declared the winner and was given a certificate.

IARU HF World Championship - No one worked that contest.

Wednesday Night Net – We would like to open up the Net Control Operator position to be filled by varying club membership, as well as the net logger person. Please sign up if you would.

New Business

Route 66 Contest – September 7-15, 2019. We would like to see participation.

Mike Asselta, KD0CDQ - The Salvation Army has reinstated their weekly two-meter network. It is on Tuesday nights on the DCARA repeater 146.920 7pm.
Clark Highsmith, K5LGX – Had an article was about how a person could send in a QSL card cheaply.

Next Officer Meeting August 13, 2019
Next Business Meeting August 17, 2019

Announcements & Upcoming Events

LARA Information and Help Net – each Wednesday @ 1900 on the 145.170 repeater
ARES Training Net – 3rd Thurs. @1930 on 146.92 repeater
Route 66 Special Event – Sept. 7 thru 15
LARA Western Days Special Event – Sept. 28
LARA JOTA – Oct. 19, 1000 – 1700
LARA Christmas Party – December 14th. @ 6:30pm.

Presentation: Ken Mitchell - KD2KW & Ken Rainey, AC5EZ- LAARK Club - Station Grounding Techniques and Methods

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT
Seconded by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA
Motion passed by vote.

Ron Swain

Minutes are submitted:
Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Secretary
August 16, 2019