

**LARA Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2021**  
(GoTo Meeting)

President, Jay Sanford, KE5BCP, called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S.A.

A quorum was established.

**Officers in Attendance:**

President: Jay Sanford, KE5BCP  
Vice President: Lee Norup, K5WXR  
Treasurer: Ron Ford, KF5OMH  
Secretary: Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI  
Operations Officer: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

**Appointees in Attendance:**

VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK

**Members in Attendance:**

Frank James, KG5ZNJ  
Clark Highsmith, K5LGX  
Marty Wells, KM5OI  
Dale Finley, KB5NFT  
David Jackson, W5YS

**Guests in Attendance:**

**Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting**

Minutes from the previous March meeting were emailed out on 3/24/21.  
No corrections were called for.  
Meeting Minutes were accepted as reported via email.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ron Ford, KF5OMH

**LARA Treasure's Report – April 13, 2021**

**Checking Account**

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Income                           |            |
| Dues                             | \$0.00     |
| Donations                        | \$0.00     |
| ARRL memberships                 | \$0.00     |
| Miscellaneous                    | \$0.00     |
| Total Income                     | \$0.00     |
| Expenses                         |            |
| Fees                             | \$0.00     |
| Miscellaneous                    | \$47.00    |
| Internet/Mail                    | \$0.00     |
| Total Expenses                   | \$47.00    |
| Bank Balance                     | \$3,526.72 |
| Petty Cash (included in balance) | \$0.00     |
| Paypal                           | \$0.00     |

**CLUB ASSETS**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| For Sale             | \$200.00   |
| Stock (not for sale) | \$4,554.72 |

Total Assets \$4,754.72

**LARA NET VALUE** \$8,281.44

Treasurers' report was accepted as stated/presented.

Membership: 44 members.

Reminder about Amazon Smiles, Kroger rewards and Tom Thumb club benefits

Club shirts available for sale \$25

**Vice President** – Lee Norup, K5WXR

Presentations:

April – Jim Lavin, K5VZ on Allstar

May – Frank James, KG5ZNJ on DMR

**Technical Report:** Roger Carver, AE5EZ (not present)

Need to update the computers for field day in the next month.

Did some maintenance on the 145.17 antennas last weekend.

DCARA club repeater changed to W5NGU.

Go Kit Challenge – Need information so we can plan for the event if we are doing it. Lee suggested there is a group out of Lake Dallas that are willing to do it if we don't want to participate. We are all in favor of doing the Go Kit Challenge and need to pick a date. Jim, K5VZ will get us a pavilion and choose a date in May for the event. We will plan to do it on 5/22/21. Need to send info out to all the other clubs. We will look at getting a pavilion at LL Woods park.

**Operations Report:** Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Summer Field Day – Field day is coming up Jun 26-27.

There are no volunteers for field day. We had 14 responses to the survey sent out to the club. Eight people agreed they would participate in a solo club field day. Seven want to participate and seven prefer to attend a combined event. Ten people said they would participate in setup or tear down. Six confirmed they would like to operate during night hours. Twelve people said they would visit the event. Based on the survey results the club would have enough participation to hold the event.

Jim volunteered doing field day at his place. He has a workshop that is air conditioned and space for antenna setup. We will also check with lake park to see what they may have available for use.

Radio Days in the Park – Looking to host one weekend each month where members can get together to build antennas, operate and learn new things about the hobby. We will look to start these in July.

Jim did some research around fox hunting and found three good projects. Program PI, build antenna, solder an attenuator. The last day would be a fox hunt event.

Jim found a satellite antenna using only one wire to build for one of the dates.

**Pubic Information Report:** Mike Weston, KI5DLF (not present)

Nothing to report.

City proclaims the first week of June as Ham Radio Week.

**VEC Report:** Steve Kline, W5JK

Still working to get online testing as an available future option.

We will have a live test session for the boyscout troop in Lewisville. The VFW is available to use for the test session. The training is expected to take 4-6 weeks prior to the testing.

**Old Business**

Club elections go from April 21<sup>st</sup> through April 30. We are ready to send the ballot out this evening. Jim elected to step down from president and keep the operations officer position.

### **New Business**

We have a new location for in person meetings at Spring Creek barbeque. David's (W5YS) daughter reserved the room for our May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7PM. They do not have a projector or a screen in the room. Jim, K5VZ has a solution for the projector. The club approved to go back to in person meetings in May.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

LARA Information and Help Net – each Wednesday @ 1900 on the 145.17 repeater

ARES Training Net – 3rd Thursday @ 1930 on 146.92 repeater

SATERN Net – each Tuesday @ 1900 on 146.92 repeater & 2000 on 3873

Special Event Stations – Check QST pg. 82 and/or ARRL web site

LARA DMR TGID – 75067

Salvation Army supplies food for people in need Tues and Thur at 10AM.

Digitalee Speaking Net: Sun @ 1900 on 146.92 repeater / 2000 on 3873

Public Servic and Contesting: Last Sunday of each month at 7:30PM on LAARK 224 repeater.

Virtual Mentorfest scheduled for April 24, 8:30am – arrlntx.org for info

Simplex Net: Hosted by LAARK on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month @ 2000 / starts on 147.38 repeater

Check the WA7BNM Contest Calendar, ARRL Web Site and QST Magazine for other fun things to do.

Next Officer Meeting May 11, 2021

Next Business Meeting May 18, 2021

### **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by Jay Sanford, KE5BCP, President at 7:57pm.

### **Presentation**

Jim Lavin, K5VZ on Allstar

Minutes submitted:

Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI, Secretary

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