

LARA Membership Meeting Minutes: April 18, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1831 CDT

Quorum was established

Pledge to the flag

Officers present:

President Frank James KG5ZNJ

Secretary Clark Highsmith K5LGX

Operations Director Jim Lavin K5VZ

Technical Director Roger Carver AE5EZ

Appointees present:

VE Coordinator Steve Kline W5JK

Guests

Sandra Backup PU2WTY

Members present:

Ron Ford KF5OMH

Michael Calverley KI5AE

Colin Backup N5GG

Steven Wheeler KI5QAD

Gregg Veazey KG5VZ

Gregory Taylor KI5PDC

James Bowling K5JBV

Ernest Didominick KI5ZUC

George Stracke III KI5YRK

James Brownmiller N5NNA

John Courtney KI5BBE

Previous Meeting Minutes: Clark Highsmith K5LGX

Minutes were emailed to the membership. No corrections, additions or deletions

Motion to accept: Jim Lavin

Second: Roger Carver

Motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Frank James read the status of the treasury. No corrections, additions or deletions

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Motion passed.

Operations Director Report: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

- The City of Lewisville neighborhood outreach event on March 25th went well. Jim was able to send 10 emails by WinLink. Roger and Colin each set up radios for display and demonstration.
- Jim, Colin Buckup, Sandra Buckup, and Steve Kline attended the Belton Hamfest on Saturday, April 15th. On their way home they activated Lake Whitney State Park for the Texas State Parks on the Air event and also for Parks on the Air. Steve and Colin operated from covered picnic tables while Jim operated mobile from his truck. All were able to make a variety of contacts.
- The club is transitioning to an operations committee as the position of Operations Director will sunset with the installation of new officers on May 1st. Jim invited club members to volunteer to serve on the committee.
- Upcoming contests and events of note include:
 - ARRL International Digital Contest, June 3-4th
 - ARRL June VHF Contest, June 10th
 - ARRL Kids Day, June 17th

Technical Director Report: Roger Carver, AE5EZ

- Roger is continuing work on the City of Lewisville Info System. He needs to finish construction on a new antenna and might enlist the assistance of club members to do so. The city has run into paperwork/bureaucratic issues while reapplying for the license.
- The club laptops have been updated with SSD drives, additional RAM, and updated software by Gregg Veazey and Roger Carver.

Volunteer Examiners Coordinator Report: Steve Kline, W5JK

No updates.

Old Business:

- Jim said that the club tablecloth has come in. He will bring it to the next meeting.
- The club needs volunteers to assist with parking and staffing the PIO table at the DFW Ham Expo on Saturday June 3rd.

New Business:

- There was extensive discussion about future build day. Potential projects include the QRP QDX Digital Transceiver, Raspberry Pi Whisper Transceiver, and an antenna build day where participants could work on individual projects.
- Elections Coordinator Steven Wheeler announced the results of the 2023-24 officers election. He reported that 46% of club members voted in the election. The members who will assume their elected offices on May 1st are:
 - President — Jim Iavin
 - Secretary — Gregg Veazey
 - Treasurer — Steve Kline
 - Technical Director — Roger Carver

Adjournment: Adjourned 1909 CDT

Minutes submitted: Clark Highsmith K5LGX

Secretary