

## LARA Officers Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:31PM by Jay Sanford, KE5BCP, President.

Quorum was established.

Officers present: Ron Ford, KF5OMH; Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI; Jay Sanford, KE5BCP; Lee Norup, K5WXR and Jim Lavin, K5VR.

Appointee present: Steve Kline, W5JK.

Members present: Dale Finley, KB5NFT

Meeting Minutes: The 2/10/21 meeting minutes were accepted as emailed on 2/20/21 by Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Ron Ford, KF5OMH.

Membership renewal status: Current total is 43 members.

### Financials:

#### Income:

Dues	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
ARRL memberships	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00

#### Expenses:

Fees	\$0.00
Internet/Mail	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Expenses:	\$0.00

Bank Balance:	\$3,475.78
Petty Cash:	\$0.00
PayPal:	\$47.94
For Sale	\$200.00
Stock	\$4,554.72
Total Assets:	\$4,754.72
LARA Net Value:	\$8,278.44

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read in the officers meeting.

Vice President's Report: Lee Norup, K5WXR

Meeting presentations update:

- ⤴ March 16th – Jim Wilson, K5ND on contesting for all amateurs
- ⤴ April 20th – Jim Lavin, K5VZ on Allstar
- ⤴ May 18 th – TBD

Technical Report: Roger Carver, AE5EZ (not present)

Nothing to report tonight.

Operations Report: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Nothing to report tonight.

Summer Field Day – Need to talk about potential participation. Jim will ask for volunteers for the field day committee.

Go Box challenge? Would LARA be interested in hosting this year? Participants bring their Go Boxes out and compare. Contests and awards. Park facilities have tripled their use fees to \$150. Jim will bring it up at the meeting so members can decide if we want to form a committee and host it.

Potential for a fox hunt in Central Park. Can build an antenna to test it out. We could also participate in the Richardson Wireless fox hunt any weekend.

Public Information Officer: Mike Weston, KI5DLF (not present)

Nothing to report tonight.

VEC's Report: Steve Kline, W5JK

We anticipate potentially being able to do some live testing in another month, possibly outside. Will have to check with the Fire Dept on use of their building. Could also check with the Library on space. We need to start looking for a test location. Steve is still looking at a virtual option for upgrade course training regardless of the pandemic, maybe an hour or two a week.

\*The city plans to soften their requirements on masks but have not opened up to outside groups or room usage.

Old Business:

Irving Radio club micro-grants – Considering submitting a request to cover books, testing fees and radios for ROTC kids for a Tech class. Estimate for 30 kids. LARA could contribute \$500.

We must submit the request by May 1<sup>st</sup> so, need to get project plans together by April. Officers approved for Ron to write up the request for officer review and submit to the Irving Club.

New Business:

Sunday evening contest net - Linked repeaters to potentially include the DCARA repeater used by the LARA club. Currently linked to several local 220 repeaters with limited participation. Held on last Sunday of the month.

Elections – Can shorten the timeline to allow for nominations and voting to have new officers in place by May. Steve will put together a nomination ballot with all the positions on it. All officers can respond to Steve's email on whether or not they will maintain their position. We need to reach out to some of our members to encourage them to run. Do we need all current positions or should we combine roles? According to bylaws, a member can hold two offices not including the President or Vice President positions.

Future Meetings:

Officers meeting – April 13th

Club meeting – April 20th

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

LARA Information and Help Net: Each Wed @ 1900 on the 145.17 repeater.

ARES Training Net: 3rd Thurs @ 1930 on 146.92 repeater.

SATERN Net: Each Tues @ 1900 on 146.92 repeater.

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

Public Service and Contest Net: Last Sun of each month @ 1930 on 224.0 repeater.

Mentorfest scheduled for April 24, virtual event – arrlntx.org for info.

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

Adjournment:

Jay Sanford, KE5BCP, President adjourned the meeting 6:55PM

Minutes submitted:

Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI

Secretary