

LARA Officers Meeting Minutes May 12, 2020

Meeting called to order at 5:36PM by Mike Reitz, W5EVT, President

Quorum was established.

Officers present: Mike Reitz, W5EVT; Ron Ford, KF5OMH; Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI; Jay Sanford, KE5BCP; Roger Carver, AE5EZ; Jim Lavin, Jr., K5VZ; and Steve Kline, W5JK.

Meeting Minutes from previous meeting 04/18/20 and Special Called Officer meeting 4/14/20.were accepted as emailed out by Ron Swain, KG5VIV.

Treasurer Report: presented by Ron Ford, KF5OMH.

Membership renewal status: We have 1 new member this month. Which brings us to 52 members.

Financials:

Income: Total Income \$25.00

Expenses: Paypal Fees \$1.03, Miscellaneous \$0.00, Total Expenses, \$1.03

Petty Cash: \$29.50

We have a balance of \$3,101.77.

Club Assets: Stock \$4,195.73; Loaner Eqt.: \$0.00; Total Assets: \$4,195.73

LARA Net Value: \$7,327.00

Notes: Paypal records are being changed from Clark's name to Ron's (in process). Need to get Mike's name on signature cards at bank.

Per Mike, next month's expenditure is \$200 for club insurance.

Expect \$150 refund from city of Lewisville on Connor Pavilion, \$50 deposit and 2 day rental. The Treasurers' Report was accepted as read in the officers meeting.

Vice President Report: Jay Sanford, KE5BCP

Meeting presentations update:

May - John Hill will present on WinLink, Saturday

June – Dale Finley, KB5NFT, Rig/Pi

July – Sammiee Espinosa, WX5JMD on Weather Radar

August – Tom Schussier, N5HYP on AMSAT

Technical Report: Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Roger researched filters from place in Irving.

\$125 per filter, total \$250 for the two primary bands (40, 20).

Roger will do a spreadsheet with the info on the filters.

Roger and Mike are in process of moving club equipment to Roger's shop; still have the radios to move.

Operations Report: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Jim is working to get a remote station set up for field day, antenna and 6400.

There will be a sign up sheet for the remote links.

He has a workshop and a garage to put people so we should be able to have two operating stations.

Those without a license in an HF band will need to download the software. Jim will work on getting that info together. Fallback will be to set up and operating station to have people come in if remote stations don't work.

Club Officers discussed the criteria for operating a remote station without a General class license.

Jim will research options... As long as we have a control operator present at the remote station, we should be good.

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

Nothing to report tonight... waiting on info for what we will do for field day.

VEC Report: Steve Kline, W5JK

Future test sessions: There are a couple of nuances with the virtual testing.

Must be able to use Adobe doc signing and additional tools for completing the fields.

Not sure the minimal testing we do warrants getting licenses for the tools.

There is no urgent demand and no classes currently. No clubs are doing classes that we are aware. You can only have one test going on virtually at a time and you can only take it once.

Steve doesn't believe the 5YI will hold anyone to the 4 tests per year requirement due to the current situation. He hasn't received any communication from 5YI on minimum criteria for the year.

Club Officers agreed to put testing on hold for now and see how things turn out.

Youth Education Report

Hold on any future plans until we can come together again person to person. The club didn't fill the Youth Coordinator role at this time.

Old Business:

W5LVC Trustee – Under the previous setup, W5LVC was limited to General class since the previous operator held this license. Bob Landrum has not got around to renewing his club membership. We want to fall in line with the use of the trustee as extra class. Bob has no desire to upgrade but is ok with the club upgrading the trustee. Mike, W5EVT asked Steve, W5JK and he agreed to hold the trustee of the club. We will change the trusteeship to Steve who carries an extra class license.

New Business:

Stuff Box - Ron Ford, KF5OMH received stuff from a girl who's father is a silent key. Would like to start a "stuff box" and go by the same rules we had when with the old junk box. Take the box for a month, take out what you want and put in what you want to get rid of then return the box. He has the box ready and will bring it up at the meeting Saturday.

Inventory: Ron Ford, KF5OMH identified approximately \$1400 worth of various items that can come out of inventory and go up for sale. These are items the club doesn't need that we can turn to asset. Ron will send the spreadsheet to the group for review.

Ham Club Online: Ron Ford, KF5OMH is willing to do some training for HamClub online for new officers. Training meeting was planned for Thursday, May 14, at 5:30pm. Ron will send the link.

Officers meeting – June 16th

Club meeting – May 16th, June 20th

Adjournment:

Mike Reitz, W5EVT, President adjourned the meeting. 6:44pm

Minutes submitted:

Michelle Sanford, KI5AHI

Secretary