

## **LARA Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2020**

President, Ron Ford, KF5OMH, called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S.A.

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: Silent Key

### **Appointees in Attendance:**

VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK  
PIO Officer: absent  
Youth Coordinator: Perry Abernethy, NE5ET  
Newsletter Editor: David Jackson, W5YS

### **Members in Attendance:**

John Courtney, KI5BBE  
Marty Wells, KM5OI  
Jim Davis, AG5UZ  
Dale Finley, KB5NFT  
Mike Asselta, KD0CDQ  
Francis James, KG5ZNJ  
William McNichols, WM1MM  
Joe Magnusson, N5PLY  
Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR  
Rich Alverson, WA5ED

### **Guests in Attendance:**

Richard Zink, XWB6YGS, N5YTF (former call signs)  
Scott Simmons WA4DOS  
Bill Miller, KD8UCF  
Cliff Braun, W2ODY  
James Stohler, KC9YTK  
James Horton  
Robin Horton  
Sherry Horton  
Jodie Horton Johnson  
Max Johnson  
Harold KB5AZO

### **Memorial Celebration** for Jim Horton, WB8YWA (silent key)

Our friend, mentor and all-around great HAM went to be with his Savior on March 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Jim was many things to many people but loving was the one that people would tell you about him.

We spent the time celebrating Jim and his life. Many told stories of how he had helped them with becoming a HAM and how he had given to their lives by being their friend in life. We will miss Jim any time we meet.

Rest in Peace Jim Horton, WB8YWA (silent key).

Many of Jim's relatives joined us on the online Zoom meeting call to view the presentation. Our deepest thanks for their presence.

**Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting**

Minutes from the FEBRUARY 15, 2020, meeting were presented in email. No corrections called for.  
Motions to approve October meeting minutes as presented.  
Meeting Minutes were accepted as reported via email.

**Treasurer's Report** - Clark Highsmith, K5LG

**LARA Treasure's Report - MARCH 20, 2020**

**Checking Account**

Beginning Balance			\$3,005.63
Income			
	Dues	\$00.00	
	Total Income	\$00.00	
Expenses			
	Paypal Fees	\$15.23	
	Total Expenses	\$15.00	
Ending Balance			\$2,990.63
Petty Cash (included in balance)			\$0.00

**CLUB ASSETS**

For Sale	\$0.00	
Stock (not for sale)	\$3,009.34	
Loaner Equipment	\$375.00	
Total Assets	\$3,384.34	

**LARA NET VALUE** \$6,374.97

*Treasurer's Financial Report as of FEBRUARY 11, 2020.*  
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.  
Treasurers' report was accepted as stated/presented.

Membership: Ron Ford KF5OMH  
stated we now have 48 members.

**Vice President** – Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Presentations:

April: VOACAP Propagation by Perry Abernethy, NE5ET.

May: John Hill, KF5VO will be present a WinLink presentation.

June: Dale Finley, RIG/PI

July: Aaron Hulett, K8AMH, NTX Section Traffic Manager or Sammiee Espinosa, WX5JMD, on weather radar.

**Technical Report:** Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Our repeater 145.170 is working fine.

We have sold the 2 meter radio for \$75.00.

**Operations Report:** Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Next Event: We have a ARRL (summer) Field Day on June 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully we are able to use the regular location. We are looking for someone to be the chairman on the committee for that. Barb Harris volunteered to help.

**Youth Education:** Perry Abernethy, NE5ET

Nothing new to report

**Pubic Information Report:** Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Nothing new to report.

**VEC Report:** Steve Kline, W5JK

Testing today is suspended until we have clearance after the COVID 19 pandemic and have a facility to administer the testing.

Upcoming 2020 test dates:

April 18 (tentative); June 20, (tentative); Sept. 19, (tentative) and Dec 19 (depending fall Tech Class) (tentative).

**Newsletter Editor:** David Jackson, W5YS

Send David news articles. His email is W5YS@aol.com

**Old Business**

Officer Elections – Steve Kline W5JK, Nomination/Election Chairman

<u>Offices to be filled</u>	<u>Number of Candidates</u>	
President	2 candidates	Michelle Sanford/ Mike Reitz
Vice President	3 candidates	Jay Sanford/Jim Lavin/Roger Carver
Secretary	4 candidates	David Jackson/Michelle Sanford/ Ron Ford/ Ron Swain
Treasurer	1 candidates	Ron Ford
Operations Director	2 candidates	Jim Horton/Lonnie Pringle/Mike Reitz
Technical Director	3 candidates	Jim Horton/Jim Lavin/Roger Carver

We would like to see some new people in positions.

LARA By-Laws Revision

Proposal to remove the following paragraph:

Article V:

~~G) No individual member may hold more than one (1) elected office concurrently.~~

~~Several comments were made as to officer positions~~

*New wording would be:*

One individual member may hold no more than two (2) voting elected offices and will have only one vote when voting on matter of question. The offices of President and Vice President cannot be held by the same member.

Asset Storage: This need has just come up this past week. Roger Carver, AE5EZ has volunteered space in his shop to store the equipment. Mike Reitz made note that the list of club assets does not include items like signs for JOTA and some field day signs, but should be considered as a part of the assets.

**New Business**

No new business

Next Officer Meeting April 17, 2020

Next Business Meeting April 21, 2020

**Announcements & Upcoming Events**

**LARA** Information and Help Net – each Wednesday @ 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

LAARK Go Box Challenge Postponed

VA QSO Party – Mar. 21-22

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB – Mar. 28 & 29

FOC QSO Party – Mar. 28

Texas State Parks on the Air – Apr. 18 & 19, Isle Du Bois Park @Lake Ray Roberts

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

**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President.

*Ron Swain*

Minutes are submitted:

Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Secretary

April 17, 2019