

LARA Officers Meeting Minutes 6/12/18

Meeting called to order by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President 6/12/18 5:28 PM

Quorum was established.

Present: Ron Ford, KF5OMH, Mike Reitz, W5EVT, Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Clark Highsmith, K5LGX, Jim Horton, WB8YWA, Dale Chatham, WA5WNI, Steve Kline, W5JK, Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Meeting minutes from previous meeting were accepted on a motion from Dale Chatham, WA5WNI and second by Jim Horton, WB8YWA.

Treasurer Report: Will be presented by Clark Highsmith at the general meeting. Clark brought up how long are we going to consider a visitor a visitor for purposes of the membership contesting. It was agreed only once. Clark stated that DATCU is going to start charging us \$25 monthly fees for our checking account. After discussion Clark has decided to look around for a new bank. We are looking for a zero charge if possible.

Vice President Report: Mike spoke about the JOTA event and planning setting a meeting for the getting ready. Dale has ideas about the event. The site has been secured. We have a couple new presentations for August and September meetings. Roger Carver, KE5EZ will present antenna building for use in HOAs and sub build areas. Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB from DCARA will present repeater operations.

Operations Report:

City Contract: We have a new city contract that was sent us for signatures when working at Summer Field day at the Fire Station.

ISS Station: Dale Chatham, nothing new on *ISS station* setting up.

Amateur Radio Schools: Nothing new on Amateur Radio in Schools.

Winter Field Day: Dale said he had not started on *Winter Field Day*. Mike said he could secure the park pavilion for Winter Field day. He also believed that we should have most all of our outdoor setup there are the park.

Technical Report: *Antennas Sales:* Jim, Antenna sales at HamCom both of the antennas sold. We have had a club member that wants to work (personally) on giving the club a repeater and the 220 only antenna could possibly be used for that. Jim suggests he keep that antenna in inventory until we see what happens with the repeater.

PIO Report: Ron Bath is working on newsletter, Ron Ford took on project of writing letters to prospective members due to Ron Bath being involved in home repairs.

VEC Report: *Testing Schedule:* Amateur Radio Licensing testing will be offered the last Saturday Meeting of the quarter after the club meeting. (At approximately 10 am).

Old Business:

March & April member meeting minutes: Ron Ford has written club meeting minutes for March and April due to Tim Monk being ill and the need to get the new club officer slate legally on the record to make changes for the bank accounts etc. He will ask for approval at the club meeting on Saturday.

PIO Booth for FD Open House: The Lewisville Fire Department, Chief Richards has offered the club space for the fire department's open house October 13th, 2018. Mike Reitz made a motion that we not do any radio operations on site but to put a PIO booth. Jim Horton, seconded the motion. Approved.

By-Laws / SOP review and/ or revision: Ron Ford presented the changes to the By-Laws / SOP from the reviews. He stated the changes to the SOPs do not have to go before the membership that the officers can approve the changes. We only need to have a majority vote of the quorum at the club meeting of officers to approve SOP. The By-Laws change approval will be tabled until next officer meeting and then on to Club meeting. This to give officers more time to review them.

Grid Square Invitations: Dale stated that the grid square data is not ready. Jim Horton requested name, address, call sign and grid square. Dale will get the data to Jim.

Visitor Letters: PIO letters talked about above.

New Business:

Christmas Party: Ron Ford stated we still need a party chairman and asked for volunteers and said he will open it to the general meeting on Saturday.

Life Membership: A motion was made to withdraw the Life Membership of Len Shipp, KC5MPX after a review was made of the Club By-Laws (which the proper number of votes were not rendered) Motion made by Dale Chatham and second by Ron Swain. A hand count was taken and approved. A letter will be drafted and sent to Mr. Shipp to make him aware of the decision.

Christmas Parade vs Santa On the Air: Mike Reitz ask what we want to do about setting up for Santa On The Air. Mike will look into issue. Possible sites are Lowes or Home Depot.

Review Club Meeting Slides: Ron Ford requested everyone to review the slides and send him any corrections.

July officers Meeting – July 17. Club meeting – July 21

Mike Reitz made motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jim Horton.
Meeting adjourned.