

LARA Officers Meeting Minutes 7/17/18

Meeting called to order by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President on 7/17/18, 5:34 PM

Quorum was established.

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

Guest: Richard Alverson, WA5ED

Meeting minutes from previous meeting were accepted on a motion from Dale Chatham, WA5WNI and second by Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Treasurer Report: Will be presented by Clark Highsmith, K5LGX at the general meeting.

Clark has changed our banking accounts to Point Bank.

Clark stated the following people had joined LARA and paid dues.

David Jackson, N3PQ

Judy Jackson, W5SKJ

Frank James, KG5ZNJ

Kader (Ken) Khandoker, KD21XM

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Approved by Officers

Vice President Report: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Meeting presentation for this week has been canceled and will be replaced by another to be announced at the association meeting on Saturday.

JOTA – We are registered for the International Boy Scouts. We are on Longhorn Council calendar. The JOTA site is secured for the event.

Meeting is set for July 31, 2018, Tuesday at 5:30 pm at Korner Café.

Operations Report: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

ISS – Dale is working on a trailer, adding rails and floor rails, he is buying tubing to put antennas. It will be available for JOTA.

Amateur Radio in Schools – Dale is finding a school to get to participate. Dale needs equipment to establish a station.

Winter Field Day – Nothing on this (to hot).

Technical Report: Jim Horton, WB8YWA (on vacation)

Everything Hunkie Dory.

PIO Report: Ron Bath, KG5VIS

He is working on newsletter. He is waiting till mid-week to finalize to cut down on revisions.

He requested that we get information in to him soon in ordered to make the newsletter.

When we get a new-member we send an email through the Hams Online site.

VEC Report:

All set for this Saturday after the club meeting for testing. Steve has the new Technician test questions and will print them out.

We have two people testing this week. Testing dates are set for the rest of the year.

Test session in December but no association meeting.

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:

Life Membership Letter – Letter was received by Mr. Len Shipp, KC5MPX. Documented by return receipt from the Post Office.

Swap Meet follow-up – We had 4-5 guests that showed up. We may get a new-member from this group. Steve Kline ask how do we get more attendees. We discussed a number of avenues to get the word out.

Next Swap Meet date – discussed but **tabled** till next meeting

By-Laws vote – It was decided that the changes would be sent out via email with discussion at the monthly meeting July 21, 2018 and voted on.

SOP - Ron Ford discussed the SOP changes and that we had received the via email and had discussed them. He called for a vote. Motion to accept changes. Changes and revisions will be posted on the association's website.

Motion by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Grid Square Invitations - Dale stated he is working on it. Discussion is **tabled** until more info is available.

Christmas Party – Ron Swain, KG5VIV has agreed to chair the committee. Dates were discussed and Saturday, December 15th was chose. Ron Swain, KG5VIV will notify the Korner Café.

PIO Booth for FD Open House – Ron Ford discussed that we could have space inside the truck bay or in a tent outside. The inside truck bay gets hot. Ron Ford will talk to Tom Quinn about placement of our booth and get back to us.

New Business:

Club Go Box – Ron Ford was approached by the new Emergency Coordinator for ARES. He is asking if LARA would put together a "Go Box" that would cover the south end of the county if something happen if they activated a deployment. They would like to UHF/VHF and HF radios, antennas and a laptop computer in an encasement. It would be the property of our club but with agreement is that ARES member would use it. They are asking DCARA and LAARK to do the same thing.

Questions came up as to detail of what they want with-in the setup. Ron Ford had agreed to go back to EC and ask if they have gotten any more specifications. **Tabled**

Santa on the Air – Ron Ford voice the question do we want to do this this year. We do want to do it on December 21/22, 2018. We need to start looking for a place to set up.

Dinner vs Breakfast – An association member ask if we had an interest in having a dinner/social gathering. We bring it to the association meeting to ask for opinions.

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

July officers Meeting – August 14. Club meeting – August 18.

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion by: Dale Chatham. WA5WNI

Seconded by: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Officers approved.

Ron Swain

Minutes submitted:

Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Secretary,