

LARA Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2017

The location of the September LARA meeting was moved from the Central Fire Station to Central Park the morning of the meeting. This was due to a conflict for our usual room with the Girl Scouts holding CPR training.

President Len Shipp, KC5MPX, called the meeting to order at 8:22 AM the Central Park Pavilion.

Officers in Attendance:

President: Len Shipp, KC5MPX
Vice President: Jim Lavin, K5VZ
Secretary: Tim Monk, WZ5TM
Treasurer: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Attendance:

- Members:
 - Lee Norup, K5WXR
 - Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR
 - Steve Kline, W5JK
 - Ron Bath, None
 - Brad Ulmer, KC5MPY
 - Walter Logan, AG5CF
- Guests:
 - Rick Alverson, W5RPA

Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting

Correction to printed August 2017 minutes:

Jim Horton's, WB8YWA, call sign is incorrect.

Motion to approve the August 2017 meeting minutes as printed for the August 2017 meeting, with corrections.

Motioned by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Seconded by: Walter Logan, AG5CP

Approved by the Members

The June 2017 Meeting Minutes were read to the members in attendance by Jim Lavin, K5VZ.

Motion to approve the June 2017 meeting minutes.

Motioned by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Seconded by: Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR

Approved by the Members

Treasurer's Report

Ron Ford, KF5OMH, presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Checking Beginning Balance: \$2,324.00

Checking Ending Balance: \$2,351.00

Savings Beginning Balance: \$31.66

Savings Ending Balance: \$31.66

Club Assets Balance: \$3,000.00

LARA NET VALUE \$5,382.66

Motion to approve Treasurer's Financial Report as presented.

Motioned by: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Seconded by: Ron Bath, NONE

Approved by the Members

LARA's 501(c)3 has been approved by the IRS. Accordingly our tax exempt number is valid. Talk to Ron Ford, KF5OMH, for information on using these numbers.

Steve Kline, W5JK, with the help of Ron Ford, KF5OMH, completed the audit of LARA's books. Everything looks to be in good shape.

A motion was made to accept the audit findings.

Motioned by: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Seconded by: Unknown

Approved by the Members

Technical Report

Len Shipp, KC5MPX, presented the Technical Report.

The 145.17 Repeater is operating properly.

The 220 Repeater is currently down.

No motion was made to approve the Technical Report,

Jim Lavin, K5VZ, will hold a repeater management course, probably sometime in November. Watch the web site for sign up opportunities.

Operations Report

Len Shipp, KC5MPX, presented the operations report.

Operations for the next couple of months include the Lewisville Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 14, 2017, It will be held at the Central Fire Station, 188 North Valley Parkway, Lewisville, Texas from 10AM to 3PM. We will be operating 2 stations from one of the Fire Departments RV vehicles.

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, LARA will hold its Club Meeting at Conner Pavilion at Lake Park followed immediately by the Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air. We will be running 2 stations under the Connor Pavilion from 10AM to 4PM, although the Boy Scouts set no 'official' hours. We will setup right after the club meeting.

There will be a Technician Licensing Class on October 7th and 8th. The class will run from 8AM to 5PM on Saturday, and 8AM till the Testing Session at 2PM on Sunday. Both the class and the testing session will be held at the Central Fire Station, EOC room, 188 North Central Parkway, Lewisville, TX,

The Operations Report was not brought up for approval.

Old Business

The Tailgate Swap Meet was a bigger success than the first one, with more people and more merchandise. Discussion of timing for the next Tailgate Swap Meet centered around a quarterly meet, giving us the next one in November sometime.

New Business

The Parity Act that is currently in Congress is NOT acceptable to Amateur Radio. Contact your US Senators and Representatives to let them know to vote NO on this bill. Be careful, the ARRL is FOR this bill even though it is a bad bill.

It is possible a Texas only Parity Act can be moved through the Texas Legislation in their next session. Check the various web sites for more information.

Presentation

Lee Norup, K5WXR, gave a very interesting presentation on ARDEN. It included information, hard show and tell, and software presentations. Thank you Lee for this excellent information.

Junk Boxes

Both boxes have been returned.

Box 1 – available

Box 2 – Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28AM.

Motioned by: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Seconded by: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Approved by the Members

Hereby submitted:

Tim Monk, WZ5TM, Secretary

October 10, 2017