

LCARA Business Meeting

Minutes of Record

Held

The meeting was brought to order at Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at **1901** hours on ZOOM and in person at the clubhouse.

In Attendance

- Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting)
- Butch, AE7KJ (Vice president)
- Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer)
- Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary)
- Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee)
- Steve, KN7SLR
- Skip, WB4DAD
- Jim, WE7JIM
- Harry, WA7HH
- Mike, KI7MPV
- Lloyd, W7KDG
- Rick, WA7RPM
- Curt, KJ7CXR
- Kie, KD7UQR
- Brian, KJ7OX
- Jeff, KJ6ETR
- Matt, KD7BBJ
- Steve, K7KO
- Earl, N3EG
- Marc, NC7P
- Joe, KK7USA
- Dave, W7CAR
- Carl, K7ECW
- Rick, WA7NWN

Correspondence

Normal bills, applications, and checks in the mail.

Officer Reports

President Ralph, N2RJR

Ralph welcomed the club members and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Ralph went over expectations of club members.

Treasurer Glen, N7UIG

See attached (at LCARA clubhouse)

Vice President Butch, AE7KJ

No report.

Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

See attached.

LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG

Sent in form to renew license for W7DG.

ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ

ACS is moving forward. With help from Masen and Ralph, we're continuing to keep the operation afloat. We're all learning. There was a lot that Randy picked up and did that wasn't well known. One of our plans is to fix Winlink here [at LCARA] and at the EoC.

OLD Business

1. Reading of minutes: Nov 17, 2021. Ralph makes a motion to approve. Butch and Dave second. Approved as not read with 1 dissent
2. **New Officers for 2022-2023:**
 - (a) President: Ralph N2RJR
 - (b) Vice President: Butch AE7KJ
 - (c) Secretary: Masen KF7HVM
 - (d) Treasurer: Glen N7UIG
 - (e) Trustee: Kevin KC6FLG (2022-2025 – 4 year term)
 - (f) ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ
3. **River gauges** [or some type of gauges] somewhere out there.
 - (a) Last gauge was at Kalama River.
 - (b) Matt KD7BBJ would like to lead the project.
 - (c) Kie KD7UQR will help
 - (d) Rick WA7RPM notes that Vancouver club might have some gauges out there.
 - (e) AQI Gauges – Longview only has 1, but we know that quality varies across the region.
4. **Christmas dinner:** was scheduled for December, was cancelled.
 - (a) December 5th Wednesday potluck was also cancelled
 - (b) “We can just have a potluck up here [LCARA] anytime” – message the officers and lets make it happen
5. Hams were not used for the Walk and Knock
 - (a) If things run normally this year, hams will be put to use.
6. Dialysis transports have started
 - (a) A special thanks to the SAR members and their President for assistance transporting out of town and high elevations

New Business

1. **Randy NU7D** is a silent key. He was involved in more than we really knew.
 - (a) ELT hunting
 - (b) Some of radios, computer, equipment was funded by grants filed by Randy
 - (c) Mission reports and *tons of paper work*. ACS was partly funded by Randy filing paperwork on hours and mileage: start and finish time are important. Any ACS mission work should include reported hours
2. **Bob KB7ADO** is a silent key.
 - (a) Very involved: Club secretary and treasurer. Club historian.
 - (b) Equipment owned by Bob is up at the LCARA clubhouse, proceeds from sale benefit Bob’s sister
3. Application forms on w7dg.org have incorrect information.
 - (a) Transpose the w7dg and the lcara.. The correct address is w7dg.lcara@gmail.com
 - (b) Fixing the form is more complicated than it might seem: it was password protected by Randy/Connie
4. **VE Testing:** Saturday Feb 12, 2022
5. Membership will expire Jan 31, 2022. January *IS* the grace period.
 - (a) Membership form is required along with the dues. Makes the club run more smoothly.
6. **APRS and Weather station** are a mess.

- (a) Please don't complain on the radio about it, if you know what to do come up here and make it better.
- (b) Contact Glen N7UIG and Masen KF7HVM
- 7. **Weather station:** it's up and down, never know.
 - (a) It submits data to weather underground... sometimes.
 - (b) When the computer reboots, the connection crashes. Failing hard drive corrupted the weather station configuration.
 - (c) Positive: As of **Jan 14th**, it's been reporting to WU
 - (d) Our weather station recorded the Pressure Wave from the southern pacific volcanic eruption.
- 8. **147.100 repeater:** crashing when it keys up? Glen's fault. Appears to be working now.
 - (a) KJ7OX reports that it's been working fine.
- 9. New **Lawnmower** Proposed for 2022 Budget.
 - (a) A new Groundkeeping committee is proposed to coordinate work on the grounds, establish chore rotations, and schedule work parties.
 - Mowing the lawn (5 acres)
 - Weedeating around buildings and fences
 - Picking up fallen sticks and branches
 - (b) Lawnmowing is our primary contract piece to keep the ground under our clubhouse. Our requirement to be here is keeping the lawn mowed.
 - A commercial contractor would cost us \$400-\$500 per visit.
 - Mowing the lawn at peak growth rate requires one cut per week in the summer
 - Mowing the lawn with the current mower is a 5 hours job
 - (c) We need to get a new lawnmower (bigger, zero turn) to reduce the time commitment.
 - A new zero turn mower is about \$4000-\$6000 (54" – 60" deck) and would last 10 years – Lloyd W7KDG has done the research
 - (d) KD7BBJ: where will the mower be stored? In the container
 - (e) WB4DAD: What do we have now? Residential 42" deck
 - (f) KJ7OX: mowing the lawn doesn't have to happen all the same day, could be split up to reduce time commitment
 - (g) Not just this site [LCARA]: the Rainier site as well needs to be maintained if we're to keep using it.
 - (h) Butch AE7KJ makes a motion to table.
 - (i) KJ7OX: incidentals, weedeating, other clean up. Make it a club effort, not a person effort.
 - (j) N3EG: scheduling is important! When are we going to do what?
 - (k) K7ECW: can we sell the old one? Sure!
 - (l) KD7UQR: offers donation to help support purchase
- 10. **The "Rainier Site"**
 - (a) Too much discussion on the radio about this site
 - (b) It's **not** the club's site; It's a city of rainier site. Randy previously paid the utilities and maintained it and Ralph is taking over those responsibilities.
 - (c) Geramy Rapp's GMRS repeater is at the site with approval from Randy before his passing.
 - (d) N7DEM Fusion repeater: turned back on at the Rainier site. Will stay up there for now.
 - 1) Butch AE7KJ, as ACS trustee, must be in the loop about usage of the N7DEM callsign.
- 11. **Internet at LCARA clubhouse:** Currently rovided by Cascade Networks for \$117 / qtr
 - (a) Randy paid the internet, no one ever compensated him.
 - (b) Needs to be part of the budget

- (c) Recommendation is to add internet for the LCARA site to the budget. Regardless of provider.
- 12. **Technical committee meeting:** next Wednesday at LCARA open to all at 1900.
- 13. **Carl K7ECW makes a motion that “Ham of the Year” award is renamed “Randy Greeley Ham of the Year” award**
 - (a) AE7KJ seconds
 - (b) Unanimous approval without discussion.
 - (c) Kevin KC6FLG suggests making a plaque with a picture for the wall.

Good of the Order

1. Nothing listed

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lloyd W7KDG and seconded by Carl K7ECW. Motion passed with 1 opposed. Meeting adjourned at 20:21

Respectfully submitted,
Masen Furer, KF7HVM
LCARA Secretary

Please send suggestions or corrections to kf7hvm@0x26.net

Updates

2022-01-27 22:23 PST – Updated incorrect year in header... Still getting used to the new year I suppose.

2022 Jan 19 Secretary's Report

Masen Furer KF7HVM

Newsletter

The new newsletter is being sent via email and posted to my personal website. Please send any news, events, or reports about local activities to kf7hvm@0x26.net or w7dg.lcara@gmail.com

Outreach

This year I'm wanting to bring in new members and engage our current member base to participate in more activities and be more involved in club business.

To that end, I'll be specifically focused on

- Keeping the weekly newsletter alive and expanding the subscriber base. This is probably our most direct way of advertising and showing off the cool stuff the club is working on to people who have already expressed an interest in what we do.
- Monday Net: expanding announcements and reports before checkins and bringing in discussion topics / icebreakers afterward for those that wish to stay.
- Revamp the W7DG website:
 - Add a blog and post news updates more frequently. Newsletter and calendar moved from my personal site.
 - More prominent facebook/twitter/youtube links – show previews of latest posts.
 - Work with Glen N7UIG to bring the weather station back online and back to w7dg.org so visitors don't have to go off-site
 - Add live data from W7DG-5 APRS station
 - Improved usability on mobile
 - Improved organization and search
 - Improved local repeater listing (w/ map and downloadable starter CSV for chirp and other popular radios)
 - *Stretch Goal*: fill application and pay dues online
- New Member Onboarding: Working with Ralph N2RJR on documentation and checklists for operating W7DG equipment and facilities. Ensure new members know what is available to them, how to use it, when to call for help, and most importantly, **who** to call.

- Communication and cross pollination with other local clubs. (What are these guys doing? I don't really know, but lets find out!)
 - Columbia ARA
 - N7WAH – Cathlamet
 - Clark County ARA
 - SEARC – Beachnet
 - PNWDigital