

September LCARA Business Meeting

Minutes of Record

Held

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 1903 hours in person at the clubhouse and on Zoom. Ralph N2RJR led the group in the flag salute.

In Attendance

- Ralph, N2RJR (President, and conducting)
- Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer)
- Butch, AE7KJ (Vice President)
- Rick, WA7NWN
- Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary)
- Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee)
- Dwight, KF7WI
- Mike, KI7MPV
- Earl, N3EG
- Lloyd, W7KDG
- Anthony, KK7NTM
- Don, KJ7ZWL
- Rick, W7RWA
- Alison, KK7GJP
- Connie, KB7AYY

Correspondence

No

Officer Reports

President Ralph, N2RJR

No Report

Vice President Butch, AE7KJ

No Report

Treasurer Glen, N7UIG

Expenses: Power \$60, Water \$37, Electrical Panel \$329

Income: \$75

\$3341 unreserved

Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

No Report.

LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG

No Report.

ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ

Elections are up in November. Current positions:

AE7KJ is president; WA7NWN is vice president; KJ6ETR is secretary; N2RJR is treasurer; AE7KJ is trustee (not up for election). You can nominate yourself if you wish to run.

A drone was lost recently while mapping the river and still needs to be recovered.

OLD Business

1. Minutes of the August 18th, 2023, meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections or additions were necessary.
 - a) A motion to accept the minutes was made by Lloyd W7KDG and Seconded by Mike KI7MPV. Motion passed with 1 dissent.
2. Glen N7UIG and Don KJ7ZWL have completed the overhaul of the electrical panel and all circuits at the club house.
3. Last month August 30th was a 5th Wednesday Potluck that went well.
4. Reminder to check your Ham license renewal date
 - a) Consider setting a reminder in your phone calendar
5. VE test session Aug 12
 - a) 3 new Technicians
 - b) 1 upgrade to General
6. Thanks to Don KB7ZWL and Anthony KK7NTM for the latest round of grass mowing.
7. Hawaiian QSO party Aug 19-20
 - a) Bands were “dead”?; only 2 contacts.
8. Drone practice on Aug 19. Butch, Ralph, and Bill met up.
 - a) Holding off on future drone practices, due to work for the County and lack of drones.

New Business

1. Field Day (KC6FLG): Create a budget for next year for field day (~\$500 suggested).
 - a) The club should own its own antenna for field day: 80m end fed.
 - b) Pelican case for safe transport of IC-7300.
 - c) Willow Grove location looks like a place/event to repeat.
 - d) Alison suggests the Field Day Committee start meeting again in January '24.
2. 75m antenna at LCARA is very noisy now S8-S9 noise floor. (KC6FLG)
 - a) Suggest replacement with a new end-fed antenna.
3. Dig out around the tower base and check the ground wires and rods. (KC6FLG)
4. Proposal from Kevin KC6FLG for possible one day field events at Willow Grove park for community and political outreach to generate local public interest.
5. Building Maintenance
 - a) Alison to follow up with Kie regarding the building painting project.
 - b) Alison can pick up some 2x6 fascia boards for the front of the clubhouse
6. Zoom meetings and physical meetings
 - a) At one point they were cancelled, but they were shortly resumed and have been running for the last year.
 - b) Due to low attendance and high effort, this will be the last hybrid meeting.
 - c) Zoom meetings will proceed only for weather events.
7. 147.26 Antenna should be installed this month
 - a) ACS has approved the funds, waiting for DEM.
 - b) Day wireless has the equipment.
 - c) Installation needs to be scheduled.
8. Washington State QSO Party (Salmon Run) Sep 16 – 17
 - a) 41k+ points
 - b) Earl N3EG has the logs and will submit them.
 - c) Club Aggregate score of 61k points

9. 3rd Saturday in October (10/21)
 - a) International scout jamboree on the air.
 - b) Ralph will be teaching and demonstrating to enable a Castle Rock based troop to earn their radio merit badge.
 - c) Looking for a couple volunteers to come up and help out.
10. On Friday, Ralph noticed some surveyors on the property have been leaving markers; not quite sure why.
11. Nominations for LCARA officer positions will happen next month.
 - a) No blindsides, nominees must give permissions
12. Prior LCARA antenna is being offered publicly for \$350
13. Christmas Party coming up 2nd Saturday in December.
 - a) Gift exchange ideas: White Elephant, \$20 limit, 2 steals maximum.
 - b) Connie to check with Lori regarding the RIZAD building and double check the date (Presumed 12/09/2023).
 - c) Typically setup begins at 5:00. Socializing at 6, Dinner at 6:30. Then hang out and clean up and go home.
14. Walk-and-Knock 12/01/23. Connie KB7AYY to remain point of contact.

Good of the Order

Anyone to run the Monday night net next week? No. Earl N3EG will pick it up.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Anthony KK7NTM, seconded by Butch AE7KJ. Meeting adjourned at 1956 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Masen Furer, KF7HVM
LCARA Secretary

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