

Lake Area Amatuer Radio Klub - Minutes

February 11, 2020

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Guests/New Hams

Secretary's Report - July Minutes uploaded February 19th, following an

Motion to Accept - Michael KF5LDJ

2nd - Bob N5RLZ

All accepted

Treasurer's Report - \$ 3576.27

1. Dues due July 1st \$25 Individual/\$30/family

Motion to Accept - John KG5WVT

2nd - Perry N0PAS

All accepted

Old Business -

1. Winlink Wednesday - KC5LL - check ins are increasing, Canada and Mexico have checked in. John, KF5VO, is doing a presentation elsewhere.
2. Amazon Smile - K5VOP - Remember to shop on smile.amazon.com to have some money go to LAARK.
3. Winter FD recap - Laird - KC5LL - Thanks to Perry for securing the 5star complex. Made quite a few contacts on SSB, CW and Digital, close to 200 contacts. Dale brought delicious chilli. Best of all it didn't cost the club a dime. We had a great time!
4. TSPOTA - AC5EZ Ken - going into our 4th year at Ray Roberts we will setup all Saturday and the first half of Sunday. Two of our guys are going to activate at another state park which will work under their individual call signs under the umbrella of K5LRK. We are trying to build a club that can be associated with 3830. Everyone is welcome and if you want to, please go out to a state park and operate from there.
5. Go Box Challenge - Reminder that we are hosting the challenge in Little Elm Park under the pavilion. Please bring out your project, go box or other interesting build or just come out for coffee and to get ideas. It doesn't matter the box, just bring it. March 21st. And that morning our breakfast is at Water's Edge, just across the street.
6. Election Committee - Lee Norrup and Ken Mitchell are looking to get information out to those who may be interested in serving in an officer position. For the club

to thrive we need members to step up and take a little extra time to serve the membership. Contact Lee or Ken if you are interested.

New Business -

1. Free Web Hosting discovered by Paul K5VOP after talking to Wix, the hosting company, about the increased charges.
2. Table at Irving Hamfest 3/7/2020 AC5EZ and KD2KW would be willing to man the table to promote the club and tspot. Dale Hiatt has offered to help. Hamcom as well.
3. DCARA has purchased a great banner and we would like to consider having a banner made for LAARK. Gerald showed what the DCARA club purchased including the banner and metal signs. Motion of \$350 to purchase the banners by Michael KF5LDJ and a second Ron Ford. All accepted.
4. Joint FD this June - LAARK and DCARA will combine efforts to have a larger and more fun field day. Bob AF5RS from DCARA is head of the FD and DCARA is currently getting volunteers to come help and operate. Multiple meetings are planned so that we are well planned and it goes well. Hoping to get enough people so that each person only has to focus on one thing. Informal discussions

Community Updates -

1. WZ5TM - Tim is in full time nursing home and the location is not conducive to a sufficient

Technical report - Paul K5VOP

1. With the ongoing off and on issues with the 38 and 440 machines Bob is Going to be getting a city radio and testing to see if there are desensitizing issues and to also do a thorough test of the cables connections and power supplies. Gerald suggested doing a full site check and look for potential issues with the coax or connections with analyzers.

ARES - Michael - KF5LDJ

1. Skywarn February 22nd, TWU MCL building from 8am to noon. The Skywarn training has been completely revamped and it is suggested that everyone take this year's Skywarn.

Updates from other clubs? -

1. LARA - Ron Ford - KF5OMH - Meeting is this Saturday at 8am. Their upcoming general class has been cancelled.
2. DCARA -Feb. 24th meeting there will be a Skype presentation from Lloyd Silver who wrote various books and the presentation is going to be bonding and grounding, he wrote the book. Technician class on March 21st. General class was held and had 14 students with 13 who passed. with 21 VE's and a total of 35 tests were graded with one guy who passed all three tests and several who moved from Tech to General. DCARA has been asked to support W1AW at Hamcom with all the equipment and will be looking for help with the project.

ARRL just had a board meeting and the CEO was not re-elected so they are looking for a new CEO. They are looking into various things that are good for us.

Breakfast Locations -

Sunny Street Cafe

Rosa's Cafe

Barney's Brunch House - This Week

Water's Edge Cafe

List of Nets -

LAARK Weekly - 147.380m - Every Tuesday 7:30pm

LDS Weekly Net - 147.380m - Every Sunday 9pm - Bob Zornes - N5RLZ

CERT Net - 147.380mhz - Changed to Second Wednesday 8pm - Paul Estes - K5VOP

Contest & Public Service Net- Start on the 147.380 then move to 224.000 mhz - Last Sunday 8pm. Tim Curtiss - KC5DCT - Going on Hiatus as there was only one check in last time. Going to revisit in September.

Simplex Net - Start on 147.380 -. Taking a break, next net will be when Bill gets back on his feet after surgery in early June, most likely in September - Bill Earhart - W5FQP

Social Media Sites

K5lrk.org

Twitter @k5lrk

instagram/k5lrk

facebook/k5lrk

Tsota.org

WhatsAapp GRoups:

1. Contesting & DX
2. CW Group
3. Digital Madness
4. Sci-Tech
5. AREDN
6. TSPOTA
7. QCX Receiver
8. Open Discussion
9. Logging Programs
10. LARA and DCARA groups

Other Announcements

1.

Presentation -

1. Perry Schrag - N0PAS

Fills & Other Announcements

1. None

Motion to adjourn -

Motion - Roger AE5EZ

2nd - Bob Zornes AF5RS

Adjourned