

Lake Area Amateur Radio Klub - Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2021

I. Welcome & Business

- A. Welcome
- B. Secretary's Report - Paul K5VOP
 - 1. Motion to accept - Ken KD2KW
 - 2. 2nd - Bill W5FQP
- C. Treasurer's Report - Ken AC5EZ - \$6147.79 \$38.14 from Amazon so far this year.
 - 1. Motion to accept - Bill W5FQP
 - 2. 2nd - Bob N0IIL
- D. Technical Report - Bob N0IIL - Everything we planned on doing is done. Completed a tower climb to repair heliax, run LMR400 and connect to the vacant antenna, the Digipeater is now up and running. Thanks to Bryan, Gerald, Bob, Andrew and Paul. Three great repeaters working, please use them! Some have been having issues reaching the tower from the west side of the area. 220mhz machine seems that a few cannot reach it. Ken KD2KW will get with Bob and do a mobile check.
- E. Old Business
 - 1. Colony climb went well, Bryan and Paul fixed heliax at the catwalk and connected a new 47ft line to digipeater antenna and all is working.
 - 2. Build project, going to be doing some field testing of the suggested project.
 - 3. TSPOTA - John Hill has put together a spreadsheet for our event to sign up for operating, Sat 9-9 and Sun 9-2pm. If you feel better about operating from home that can be done. It will be in the April QST for a special event station! Website has been updated with a couple requested parks. Gerald has confirmed we can use Cleatus! We will be in Ray Roberts park.
 - 4. Gokit Challenge? The next LARA meeting they will determine if they will host the event. If it happens it should be some time before spring storm season or at the latest before Field Day.
- F. New Business
 - 1. Restarting in person club meetings? Many people have had the virus or had the vaccinations along with the Texas governor lifting many covid gathering restrictions. Perry is going to get dates scheduled so we can start meeting again. ZOOM will continue to run along with in person meetings. Officer meetings going forward will be strictly ZOOM going forward. Discussion held, most feel it is appropriate to have in person as long as we continue a ZOOM simulcast. All in the meeting agreed to start in April as long as we can get the building in The Colony.

2. Irving Amateur Radio Club offers \$1000 micro grants to local clubs to help pay for projects. We need to discuss what project and the deadline for submission is May 1st. If you can come up with any project that could benefit the club and/or community please let the officers know. Project should go towards benefiting the community.
3. Election nominations will be taken through April. Voting will be in May and new positions will take effect in June. Please contact Ken KD2KW or Lee K5WXR with any questions, concerns or submissions. Names can be put in for any offices but specifically need a new secretary position as Paul has taken on new responsibilities outside of the club.
4. Field Day - last weekend in June is coming fast. We are planning on Stewart Creek Park. We need to start planning.
5. Three state QSO parties this weekend as well as a virtual Hamfest.

II. Information

- A. Community Updates - Ken KD2KW is back to 100%. Gary Burchett KD5QFB passed in early February. Duane Baade W5PNM who ran the rookie roundups for DCARA passed as well.
- B. ARES Report - Michael KF5LDJ - Training net this month is going to be an after action report of winter storm, lessons learned, etc.
- C. Updates from other clubs
 1. DCARA - Gerald WB5NZV Officer's meeting coming up, will be talking about field day, in person meetings, etc.
 2. LARA - Lee K5WXR - Gokit challenge will be discussed. Next presentation will be the 3rd Tuesday, about contesting on VHF. All are invited to join the meeting.
 3. MARS - Dale K5MAY Starting amateur extra exam study group, this Thursday is a zoom meeting to discuss. Andy KE5KOF can be contacted for more information. Part 2 of tower safety next meeting. Vertical antenna design in April. HF audio for June presentation. No update on repeater installation on two hospitals coming up.
- D. Saturday Breakfast
 1. In person breakfast has been decided at the officer's meeting while simulcasting on Zoom. We will be going to Water's Edge for a while to help them get back to business. 8am Saturday mornings in Little Elm.
- E. List of Nets
 1. LAARK Weekly net - Every Tuesday 7:30pm (147.380)
 2. LDS Weekly net - Every Sunday 9:00pm (147.380)
 3. Contest & Public Service net - Last Sunday 7:30pm (147.380) 3 - 220mhz machines will be linked. 224.000,, 224.920, & 224.200.
 4. Simplex net - First Wednesday 8:00pm (147.380)
 5. Digitally Lee Speaking Net - Lee K5WEXR - Sundays at 2pm (146.920)
 6. Winlink Wednesday - Email via Winlink to KF5VO Wednesdays (00:00-24:00) (LAARK digipeater 144.950 mhz or try another from dcaranet repeaters page) Over 160 check ins last week.

F. Social Media Sites

1. K5LRK.org
2. Facebook - facebook.com/k5lrk
3. Twitter @k5lrk
4. Instagram: @k5lrk
5. WhatsApp Groups
 - a) CW group
 - b) Contesting and dx
 - c) Digital madness
 - d) Aredn
 - e) Tspota
 - f) Open discussion
 - g) Logging software
 - h) Makers group
 - i) LARA and DCARA have groups too

G. Other Announcements:

1. None

H. Presentation - Kevin Braby KW5KB - Texas Storm - Lessons Learned

I. Fills

1. None

J. Adjourn

1. Motion - Michael KF5LDJ
2. 2nd - Bob N0IIL