

Minutes of Monthly LCARA Business Mtg

Held: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 1901 hours on ZOOM.

In Attendance: Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting); Jim, WE7JIM (VP); Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer); Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee); Randy, NU7D; Brian, KJ7OX; Bob, KB7ADO; Connie, KB7AYY; Curt, KJ7CXR; Stu, K7WF; Earl, N3EG; Butch, AE7KJ; George, KG7NQZ; Jeff, KB7PMO; Leonard, KA7HZF; Steve, KN7SLR; and Rick, WA7NWN.

Treasurer: Glen, N7UIG; membership renewals are starting to be received. Be sure to sign your checks please. Donations towards the lightning protection equipment have been included with some of the renewals. Thank you, every dollar helps your club.

Correspondence: Glen, N7UIG received bills from the Cowlitz PUD (\$102.29) and Beacon Hill Sewer (33.52).

ACS: The \$5k received is being spent on the following items; Propane tank is now full, E-Comm radios for LCARA, Florescent yellow guywire markers the K-BAM and LCARA antenna guywires, anemometer replacement for the Clubs weather station, 8 new batteries for the Mavic Pros, camera back-up system for the Comm van, Garmin GPS Nav system for the Comm van, Yaesu FTA750L aircraft HT transceiver for ACS missions, adjustable seats for the Comm van, handheld GPS for when away from the Comm van and a laptop computer for the LCARA Winlink station.

We are going to continue supporting Dialysis transportation assistance this winter. We will not be involved with any COVID-19 transports. All dialysis patients will be prescreened prior to our contact.

The Washington Guard folks we hosted at LCARA plan to continue their involvement with us through future exercises and training opportunities.

Earl, N3EG notified us Day Wireless can accept old drone batteries for disposal at their facility.

OLD Business:

1. Minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections or additions were necessary so Jeff, KB7PMO made a motion to accept, Randy, NU7D seconded and motion passed.
2. Maintenance items are on-going, mowing the field, vacuuming the floor and cleaning the restroom. Any assistance will be highly appreciated. Something as simple as buying gas would help immensely.
3. If you use the Club facilities, please clean up after your stay. Check all the doors, whether you used them or not. Make sure the lights are off. If you turned up the heat, please turn it back down.
4. A proposal was made to sell the unused tower assemblies we acquired from Weyerhaeuser to generate money for the Club. We have decided keeping this equipment would be in the Clubs best interest. Some of this equipment is also at the RIZAD complex for use on a possible antenna project. It may still be used in the future.

5. Since installation of the “No Trespassing” signs, we have seen no evidence of traffic from the neighbors accessing the backside of their property

NEW Business

1. New placards are installed at each radio station. They state no eating or drinking allowed. We wish to keep our Club and equipment clean and in good working order. No need exists to eat and drink while sitting at the radios. We are adopting the policy of, if equipment is damaged because of food or drink and we can ascertain the operator, that operator will pay for repair or replacement of that item.

2. We have two new adolescent HAMS in our community. They are quite active on the repeaters. One of them recently became a member of the LCARA family. This is to remind everyone that we are a family oriented organization. We are responsible to assure a safe and proper environment for young members. Please keep this in mind when “rag-chewing”. You are on an open frequency listened to by a wide audience.

3. We have 3 older radios of declining health. An Icom 736 is going to be sent to Scott Malcolm in Toledo for an estimate of repair. Estimates are free. Scott also purchased radios for parts. A Kenwood TS850 and a Kenwood 520 might be kept as “loners” to club members. This idea is tabled for now.

4. Kevin, KC6FLG has an antenna expansion proposal for next year. This would be a multi-band vertical placed on the south side of the clubhouse on the flat spot. This would provide excellent night time DXing.

5. Glen, N7UIG needs input for any possible projects for next year. He needs them by next month, December. He can then project the into the 2021 budget.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy, NU7D and seconded by Stu, K7WF. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1956 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Roggenback
President