

## **Minutes of Monthly LCARA Business Mtg**

**Held:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 1903 hours on ZOOM.

**In Attendance:** Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting); Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer); Carl, K7ECW (Secretary); Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee), Randy, NU7D; Brian, KJ7OX; Rick, WA7RPM; Bob, KB7ADO; Connie, KB7AYY; Curt, KJ7CXR; Stu, K7WF; Matt, KD7BBJ; Earl, N3EG; Butch, AE7KJ; Steve, KN7SLR, Rick, WA7RPM; Terry, KB7IFR; Jeff, KB7PMO; Jeff, KJ6ETR, Lloyd, W7KDG; Jim, WE7JIM (VP), Leonard, KA7HZF; Mike, KI7MPV; Masen, KF7HVM

### **Welcome new members:**

Masen, KF7HVM introduced himself. He's excited to be a club member and looking forward to what he can both contribute and learn from his association with other HAMS. Welcome, Masen!

**Correspondence:** Glen, N7UIG received (3) QSL cards and two membership apps (translation: members paying their 2021 dues)!

### **Officers Reports:**

President: Ralph, N2RJR, gave us a good reminder of how to be a contributing LCARA member by the way we conduct ourselves, both on and off the air, and by participating with our time and talents on projects that are on-going throughout the year. We are starting the year off with COVID-19 restrictions still hampering our levels of participation, but we should each individually look for ways to contribute.

Treasurer: Glen, N7UIG, reported bills paid for PUD (\$105.42) and water/sewer (\$36.22). Glen has received dues monies totaling \$545 and donation monies totaling \$400 of which \$150 was specified for the lightning protection project.

VP: Jim, WE7JIM gave kudos to President Ralph, N2RJR for a job well done in 2020.

Secretary: Carl, K7ECW said amen to Ralph's lead-in officer report.

LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG, said he is continuing to find additional sources for parts for the lightning protection project and working on building said project to its ultimate completion. Kudos should go to Kevin, KC6FLG for his diligent work as our club trustee!

ACS Trustee: Randy, NU7D, gave us an update as to how the \$5000 RIZAD donation is being spent. Also, mission numbers for the upcoming year 2021 have been requested and will be made available for us to use by January 1, 2021. ACS members have been helping out with the COVID-19 drive thru testing being conducted at the fairgrounds this month. Our involvement has been in staging the cars (traffic flow) during the day. People interested in being tested are urged to go later in the day. Longest delays occur at the beginning of each day.

### **OLD Business:**

1. Minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections or additions were necessary so Kevin, KC6FLG made a motion to accept, Jeff, KB7PMO seconded and motion passed.

2. A new policy has been implemented at the clubhouse which restricts consumption of food or drink at the actual radio stations. Damage to any radio equipment from disregard of this policy will be paid for by the offending people. We may need to politely self-police this new policy until it becomes second nature to us.
3. We need to be polite and proper while operating the radios. We need to set good examples for and help train our younger members, especially, as they become familiar with a new hobby,
4. Dues for the year 2021 are now payable for all who have not re-upped. Membership applications are available and down loadable off the club website, w7dg.org. The application and check for the appropriate amount should be mailed to the PO Box listed in the club website.
5. Jim, WE7JIM, said that he's been checking with the SAR group at the RIZAD building in regards to any construction of a tower at that location. It is a county facility surrounded by Kelso properties. Jim to continue to investigate and monitor the situation.

**New Business:**

1. The year 2021 will start with zoom meetings per State regulations. As conditions permit, face-to-face meetings may begin to be held. People have expressed an interest in continuing to hold zoom meetings in conjunction with the face-to-face meetings.
2. Earl, N3EG, said he has everything he needs to startup the DMR radio station. Just waiting for the paperwork to come through.
3. A discussion was held as to how to find and mitigate the noise getting into the 26 repeater. It's going to take some specialized equipment and time investigating by people experienced with noise mitigation.
4. Friday work parties at the clubhouse are not regularly scheduled events but are mostly impromptu. Seem to be more active during the good weather with longer, warmer days.

**Good of the Order:**

1. Mike, KI7MPV, made a contribution of \$100 towards the lightning protection project. Thanks, Mike!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lloyd, W7KDG and seconded by Matt, KD7BBJ. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 2019 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl, K7ECW  
Secretary

PS. If I gave anyone a new call sign, I apologize.