

Minutes of Monthly LCARA Business Mtg

Held: Wednesday, Sept 15, 2021, at 1902 hours on ZOOM and in person at the clubhouse.

In Attendance: Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting); Jim, WE7JIM (VP); Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer); Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee); Randy, NU7D; Rick, WA7RPM; Connie, KB7AYY; Earl, N3EG; Stu, K7WF; Butch, AE7KJ; Bob, KB7ADO; Steve, KN7SLR; Skip, WB4DAD; Masen, KF7HVM; Matt, KD7BBJ; George, KG7NQZ; Harry, WA7HH; Lloyd, W7KDG; Shane, W7SAK; Terry, KB7IFR; Jim Johnston.

Correspondence: Glen, N7UIG received some bills to be discussed later.

President: Ralph, N2RJR welcomed everyone to the meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer: Glen, N7UIG, reported bills paid for PUD (\$102.90), Water (\$36.59).

VP: Jim, WE7JIM no report

Secretary: Carl, K7ECW Absent

LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG announced that work on the small UHF/VHF tower is complete as all new antennae have been placed. Also, the Salmon Run (Washington QSO Party) is this weekend.

ACS Trustee: Randy, NU7D announced that there will be a joint exercise with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) this Saturday.

OLD Business:

1. Minutes of the July 21, 2021, meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections were necessary. A motion to accept was made by Randy, NU7D and seconded by Lloyd, W7KDG. Motion passed.
2. Ralph, N2RJR reminded members to use the door handle located above the door lock to test to make sure the door is secure. Pulling on the door lock itself damages it and would cost \$1000 to replace.
3. Kevin, KC6FLG was selected as Ham of the Year (HOTY) for 2020. Congratulations Kevin! He is also the Net Control Operator for the 40-meter noontime net on Tuesdays.
4. Ralph, N2RJR asked if there was any interest in restarting the river gauge project, since the two we had before was no longer in existence. No interest was expressed.
5. Matt, KD7BBJ said he was interested in seeing weather gauges on our website. Ralph, N2RJR addressed his concerns later in the meeting.

New Business:

1. There is a UHF digital TV antenna now working at the clubhouse.

2. The short tower (40ft) now has three (3) new antennae for tenants. 6-meter, VHF, and UHF. They have been tested and are a tremendous improvement over the old equipment. We rented a 60ft platform truck and a small team of members finished the project safely and without having to put a foot on the tower. We also have the correct bracket for securing the tower to the building and will install it as time permits.

3. Wahkiakum County radio club invited us to join them at their meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the EOC building, #30 River St. in Cathlamet. The following hams attended from LCARA: Ralph, N2RJR; Steve, KN7SLR; Connie, KB7AYY; Randy, NU7D; Stu, K7WF and Bob, KB7ADO. Mike Ritz, W7VO, Director of NW Division for ARRL gave us an overview of the current trends, views and going-ons at ARRL central. Beau Renfro, Wahkiakum County Emergency Management Coordinator bought and brought pizzas, breadsticks, beverages and dessert. We thank everyone for their hospitality.

4. Glen, N7UIG installed a new anemometer 40' up the big tower and which will shortly be communicating information of the club website in answer to Matt's, KD7BBJ earlier question.

5. Ralph, N2RJR announced that elections are coming up for LCARA officers in November. If you'd like to serve, just let Ralph, N2RJR know. If you wish to nominate someone, you must first get their permission to do so. Nominations will begin at next month's business meeting.

6. Randy, NU7D said that ACS elections would be October 6, 2021, and the ballot would be revealed at that time.

7. September 29th is a 5th Wednesday, so it was discussed whether or not to have a potluck that evening at the clubhouse. It was deemed too late in the year to hold it outside. Only a few people were interested, but no firm decision was made. Watch for an announcement in the weekly newsletter.

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1. Lloyd, W7KDG asked about two sections of culvert pipe stored behind the clubhouse. Since the driveway project is complete, it was deemed that they were surplus and could be sold to the highest bidder. Retail they are worth about \$500.

2. Lloyd, W7KDG also asked about starting the coffee stops back up as a source of revenue for the club. Bob, KB7ADO checked the state website and found that they are still suspended due to COVID.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lloyd, W7KDG and seconded by many people. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at approximately 1935 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl, K7ECW
Secretary

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