

LCARA Business Meeting

Minutes of Record

Held

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at **1901** hours on ZOOM and in person at the clubhouse.

In Attendance

- Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting)
- Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary)
- Stu, K7WF
- Dwight, KF7WI
- Rick, WA7RPM
- Rick, WA7NWN
- Steve, K7KO
- Jim, WE7JIM
- Butch, AE7KJ (Vice president)
- Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer)
- Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee)
- Earl, N3EG
- Brian, KJ7OX
- Skip, WB4DAD
- Matt, KD7BBJ
- Mike, KI7MPV
- Lloyd, W7KDG
- George, KG7NQZ
- Terry, KB7IFR

Correspondence

Glen, N7UIG received normal bills and dues. (ARRL renewal).

Officer Reports

President Ralph, N2RJR

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Glen, N7UIG

Reported bills paid for PUD (\$166.48), Water (\$36.94). Dues 650, Donation \$25 Equip \$300

Vice President Butch, AE7KJ

No report.

Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

Presentation night has been going well. Thanks to K7KO for the help and encouragement.

LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG

License filed and renewed until 2032 (W7DG).

ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ

Want to get drone team and ELT team back and working with new trainings.

Is anyone at all interested in being a drone pilot? *KD7BBJ raises hand*

(Ralph notes that owning a drone is not a requirement; We need Part 107 pilots, take a formal test at [Pearson air field](#). Costs \$150 which will be reimbursed by the county.)

OLD Business

1. Minutes of the Jan. 19, 2022, meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections or additions were necessary.
 - a) A motion to accept the minutes was made by Stu K7WF, Seconded by Matt KD7BBJ. Motion passed with 1 dissent.
2. Ralph N2RJR asked if there was any interest in restarting the river gauge project or any other remote monitoring sites (such as earthquakes).
 - a) Masen KF7HVM is interested in AQI gauges.
 - b) Matt KD7BBJ: Suggest linking to other river gauges on our website. Wants atmospheric gauges at the club house
 - c) Kevin KC6FLG suggests moving discussion to Tech committee Meeting
3. Silent keys
 - a) Randy NU7D – thank you everyone for stepping up to pick up the slack
 - b) Bob KB7ADO – sister asked Brian KJ7OX to help selling his gear, thanks to membership for buying the gear
4. VE Testing last Saturday, Feb 12th
 - a) 4 new techs
 - b) 2 new extras
 - c) 1 new club member
5. Earl N3EG: 100ft of ½” heliax (quote for \$220.52)
 - a) Ordered (ACS)
6. Culvert pipe – should we put it on craigslist?
 - a) Yes, for maintenance or equipment.
 - b) 2x 20’ sticks of 12” culvert pipe

New Business

1. **Budget** (19:05) – Glen N7UIG
 - a) Lloyd W7KDG motions to accept, Seconded by Matt KD7BBJ
 - b) Budget is approved with 1 dissenting
2. **Groundkeeper Committee:** Matt KD7BBJ is the groundskeeping guru and will be asking for help. Please contribute time, labor, gas if possible.
 - a) Lawnmower grant (W7KDG). Home depot turned us down. Next week we’ll see if Lowe’s approved the grant. (Through the ACS)
3. **Clubhouse Roof:** Matt KD7BBJ was up there last week.
 - a) Looked good; spread 2 cans of moss-b-gone
 - b) Brian KJ7OX: Rafters in the front of the building need replaced
 - 1) Need a cost estimate (suggest by W7KDG)
 - c) Thanks to Mike KI7MPV, Rick WA7NWN, and Masen KF7HVM for the work last week [and others, not mentioned in the meeting].
 - d) Propose this Saturday Feb 19th: tackle the fence down by the road. Should we tear the old rusty fence down?
 - 1) KC6FLG: Yes, we should tear it down, because it creates noise in the rusty wires.
 - 2) Will determine Friday the 18th
4. **Field day:** will not be a club-sponsored event. Low participation in the past. Membership hasn’t shown interest and we don’t have the budget for it.
 - a) Kevin KC6FLG: \$750 for a portapotty, too expensive
 - b) Brian KJ7OX: field day will continue, but it just has to be from the club to be cost effective

5. **Membership** (Ralph N2RJR)
 - a) Members have responsibilities: Cowlitz has 618 hams, Columbia has 507; *our club has 62 hams*. We could have more and we should be talking to friends and family about joining the club.
6. **Septic Tank** (Kevin KC6FLG)
 - a) Find out where the septic tank is, and install port holes for easier service
 - b) Brian KJ7OX knows details about the tank. Never thought of making an access point. This one has never been pumped out since 1974. When looked at it 13 years ago for the water line replacement and it looked very clear. Drain field seems to be working. System generally gets lower-than-expected use.

Good of the Order

1. Masen KF7HVM **Weather Station**: been reliably reporting on [APRS](#) and [WeatherUnderground](#). It is named Hillside Acres Station, AKA Longview Station 97.
2. Mike KI7MPV – talked to Connie today. She says hello to everyone. **Can we have a potluck next month? Yes, March 30th, already on the calendar.**
3. Lloyd W7KDG **Seapac** – registration starts next month.
4. Dwight KF7WI to determine if we could **set up a station at the Lake and advertise the club.**

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lloyd W7KDG and seconded by Matt KD7BBJ. Motion passed with 3 dissent and meeting adjourned at 1942 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Masen Furer, KF7HVM
LCARA Secretary

Please send suggestions or corrections to kf7hvm@0x26.net