

# LCARA Business Meeting

## Minutes of Record

### Held

Wednesday, Mar. 16, 2022, at **1900** hours on ZOOM and in person at the clubhouse.

### In Attendance

- Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting)
- Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary)
- Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee)
- Butch, AE7KJ (Vice president)
- Stu, K7WF
- Jim, WE7JIM
- Mike, KI7MPV
- Lloyd, W7KDG
- Skip, WB4DAD
- Steve, K7KO
- Dwight, KF7WI
- Rick, WA7RPM
- Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer)
- Earl, N3EG
- Brian, KJ7OX
- Matt, KD7BBJ
- Wayne, KB6HD
- Jeff, KJ6ETR
- Dave, W7CAR
- Tim, AG7FU(visitor)
- Ken, AG7EX (visitor)
- Steve, KN6SLR
- Jim Johnston

### Correspondence

Glen, N7UIG received no correspondence

### Officer Reports

#### President Ralph, N2RJR

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. And welcomed visitors from CARA club

#### Treasurer Glen, N7UIG

Reported bills paid for PUD (\$195.75), Water (\$34.88). Income from Dues \$643, Donation \$300, Equip \$200, Bob's equip purchase \$585.

#### Vice President Butch, AE7KJ

No report.

#### Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

No report

#### LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG

#### ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ

Getting along pretty good. Masen and Butch working on logging programs and procedures for remote operations.

## OLD Business

1. Minutes of the Feb. 16, 2022, meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections or additions were necessary.
  - a) A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ralph N2RJR, Seconded by Mike KI7MPV. Motion passed with 1 dissent.
2. Groundkeeper Committee: Matt KD7BBJ is the groundskeeping guru and will be asking for help. Please contribute time, labor, gas if possible.
  - a) Getting close to mowing time, next nice day?
3. Field day (Ralph N2RJR): will *not* be a club-sponsored event. Low participation in the past.
4. Membership (Ralph N2RJR)
  - a) Members have responsibilities: Cowlitz has 618 hams, Columbia has 507; *our club has 63 hams*. We could have more and we should be talking to friends and family about joining the club.
5. Noise on 147.260 Repeater
  - a) Glen N7UIG noticed perhaps police-related (dispatch) interference on the .26
  - b) We haven't changed anything, but there are new antennas on the tower.
6. Potluck: Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 18:30
7. 100ft of ½" heliax - Earl N3EG
  - a) Arrived (ACS) for 220MHz repeater in Rainier
8. Setting up a small booth at lake scagawea KF7WI
  - a) Want to charge \$75 for 5 hours (for non-profit, not soliciting donations)
  - b) \$200+ for Go 4<sup>th</sup> booth. Need insurance, etc
  - c) Possibly capital intensive
  - d) N2RJR: getting into a public safety (fire, police) open house might be a good way to get exposure as well. With the comm van.
9. Lawnmower bid (Asked by W7KDG)
  - a) Status of the grant via Lowes? Would have gone to Butch AE7KJ.
  - b) Butch AE7KJ hasn't heard from either store
  - c) Wayne KB6HD suggests talking with regional managers, not store managers
  - d) Wayne KB6HD volunteers to help with the mowing
  - e) Ralph N2RJR suggests looking for a trade-in mower
  - f) Glen N7UIG: LCARA has no money for this type of equipment
  - g) Lloyd W7KDG: Is there the possibility for a grant? Yes, but someone would have to do it and invest the time.
  - h) Brian KJ7OX: break up the job into quarters
10. Brian KJ7OX asked about the 501c3
  - a) Ralph N2RJR: We're stuck going through the long-form since the short-form was rejected.
  - b) Randy did the paperwork for ACS – and he paid a lawyer to make it happen; it's complicated.

## New Business

1. **New Operating Instructions** for GH switches, etc (Kevin KC6FLG)
  - a) Third saturday (10:00 until the coffee is out), is coming up this week
  - b) Come test out the instructions and revise them
  - c) All radios are set up the same.
  - d) Wayne KB6HD appreciates Kevin's demonstration about how the software, radio, and antenna are all linked and automatic.
2. **SEA-PAC:** Pre-registration is open
3. Stu K7WF Mentions
  - a) QST Magazine: September issue, Silent Keys section, p. 97, third column to find NU7D
  - b) N7CFA was another SK that Stu turned in

## Good of the Order

KF7WI has a story, about a man who hadn't been to church in some time.

N3EG: 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Longview is coming up next year, do we want to do anything special?

Tim (from CARA): CARA club provides ham radio services for the Columbia Century Challenge bike ride on **June 11**. They are currently looking for 10 ham operators, stationed or rover. Get ahold of Tim via N7EI. [AG7FU@n7ei.org](mailto:AG7FU@n7ei.org)

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ralph N2RJR and seconded by Lloyd W7KDG. Motion passed with 2 dissent and meeting adjourned at 1949 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Masen Furer, KF7HVM  
LCARA Secretary

Please send suggestions or corrections to [kf7hvm@0x26.net](mailto:kf7hvm@0x26.net)