

# August LCARA Business Meeting

## Minutes of Record

### Held

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 1900 hours on ZOOM and in person at the clubhouse.

### In Attendance

- Ralph, N2RJR (President, and conducting)
- Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary)
- Butch, AE7KJ (Vice president)
- Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer)
- Kevin, KC6FLG
- Rick, WA7RPM
- Brian, KJ7OX
- Steve, K7KO
- Skip, WA4DAD
- Stu, K7WF
- Allison, KK7GJP
- Mike, KI7RSB
- Liz, KI7RSA
- Earl, N3EG
- Mike, AD7HN, Visitor

### Correspondence

Glen, N7UIG

### Officer Reports

#### Vice President Butch, AE7KJ

No Report

#### President Ralph, N2RJR

No Report

#### Treasurer Glen, N7UIG

Reported bills paid for PUD (\$108), Water (\$38), Internet (\$117) (qtr). Income from Dues \$70, IC 7610 Directed Donation \$100 = \$4714.

Off the record: Gas for lawn mower; Website; Unfunded Projects/materials supplied by club members.

#### Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

Meeting minutes for July were posted late.

#### LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG

Third Saturday Operating Day: Kevin won't be here.

#### ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ

2 Main Projects in a holding pattern:

911 Center: won't be up and operational until December 2022

Hospital: Butch checked the radios at the hospital and the Coax is cut and non-functional.

## OLD Business

1. Minutes of the July 20th, 2022, meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections or additions were necessary.
  - a) A motion to accept the minutes was made by K7WF, Seconded by KI7RSB. Motion passed with 1 dissent.
2. Zoom links are only going to select members.
  - a) This might be the last zoom meeting due to high effort and lack of attendance
3. Tower
  - a) Paul from custom tower work saw and declared that the tower is not safe as it is.
  - b) Quote all up: \$9102
    1. Includes almost everything except a few parts
    2. Includes a new mast, installed, at the top of the tower
    3. \$6300 for 3 workers / 3 days is the bulk of the cost
  - c) Alternate: hazer tram system
  - d) Rick WA7RPM asks: have we checked his insurance and bonds, etc?
    1. No, but we should verify; KC6FLG
4. Thanks to Matt, Masen, and Steve mowing the grass
  - a) K7KO: very wet spring, grass was going 2" every 2 weeks. Now in a dry season, the grass is barely growing. Please consider donating. Donations are welcome.
5. Status of the 130 Repeater
  - a) Was taken down while some work was being done at the site
  - b) Experiencing some problems and is currently offline indefinitely

## New Business

1. Coffee Stops; "it's cheap free money"
  - a) Sit there, keep coffee made, put cookies on a tray
  - b) Lloyd W7KDG has contact info for how to get involved
    - i. Get ahold of them and they tell you what's available
  - c) Need multiple shift coverage 3x 4 hour shifts (6:30 – 9p)
  - d) Potential income of \$300 - \$500 per day
  - e) Allison KK7GJP will coordinate the effort and report back next meeting.
2. New N7DEM repeater in Rainier
  - a) New system purchased by NU7D is now installed.
  - b) It is being used by the 4 counties in region IV.
  - c) N2RJR: Please limit time spent on the repeater.
3. Mesh Network Project
  - a) Masen and Rick own the Mesh network project, direct all questions to them.
  - b) It is not part of the ACS.
4. How to Fund the Tower
  - a) Officers and Finance committee pre-approved the expense.
  - b) KI7RSB: says it was too expensive to put up a crank tower
    - i. Both crank tower and hazer would require more cost and foundation overall
  - c) K7KO: Motion that the club spends up to \$9100 from the checking account as described in the quote. Seconded by KJ7OX
    - i. KJ7OX: We need a little more than the quote: thrust bearings, coax.
    - ii. KC6FLG: other incidentals might add up

- iii. N7UIG: 9100 is **all** that was approved from the investment account. Once we get a list of items and costs, then Glen can determine *where* the money comes from.
- iv. Motion passed with unanimous vote.
- d) KC6FLG:
  - i. 2 thrust bearings for \$200 ea.
- e) KJ7OX: Also need to assemble the antenna BEFORE the tower crew arrives.

## Good of the Order

KJ7OX: Newest general class operator Allison KK7GJP! Missed zero questions.

## Adjourn

Ralph unilaterally adjourned the meeting at 1956 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Masen Furer, KF7HVM  
LCARA Secretary

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