

# November LCARA Business Meeting

## Minutes of Record

### Held

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 1901 hours in person at the clubhouse. Ralph N2RJR led the group in the flag salute.

### Visitors

- Rick and Sherry Alexander
  - New members tonight
  - West of Longview

### In Attendance

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|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Ralph, N2RJR (President, and conducting) | • Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary) | • Mike, KI7MVP            |
| • Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer)                  | • Earl, N3EG                | • Matt, KD7BBJ            |
| • Rick, WA7RPM                             | • Connie, KB7AYY            | • Skip, WB4DAD            |
| • Rick, WA7NWN                             | • Steve, K7KO               | • Steve, KN7SLR and Tammy |

### Correspondence

Glen, N7UIG. 3 donations and a membership application.

### Officer Reports

#### President Ralph, N2RJR

No Report

#### Vice President Butch, AE7KJ

Not present

#### Treasurer Glen, N7UIG

Reported bills paid for PUD (\$87.74), Water (\$35.56). Internet \$117. Tower expenses (\$13,144).

See detailed report.

\$1239 remaining for the year.

#### Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

No Report

#### LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG

No Report. Not present.

## ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ

- Several people want to test the 147.300 repeater (from woodland) on the Rainier Hill.
  - Kevin KC6FLG gives his OK (doesn't think it's right, but OK with it)
  - Earl has the 147.300 test repeater, he can put it \_Back\_ on 147.3 and bring it back up to the club.
- Northwest Repeater Association is in negotiations to sublet the Rainier Hill site to **ACS, who will take over responsibility** for the utility bill and the maintenance of the site.
  - When association received the lease from City of Rainier, the lease inadvertently included the former tower site.
  - ACS will run the site, control access, and manage it.
  - Equipment owners at the site will share the cost of the power and related expenses.
  - Fusion repeater will go back up to rainier site.
  - If anyone has questions, ask Butch AE7KJ

## OLD Business

1. Donations always welcome for the groundskeeping.
  - a) Club site is on lease from KEDO, which involves maintaining the property.
  - b) Donations please go in the can.
  - c) Matt KD7BBJ: “it takes about 5 gallons of gas and 4.5 – 5 hours of driving”
2. Minutes of the Oct 19th, 2022, meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections or additions were necessary.
  - a) A motion to accept the minutes was made by KD7BBJ, Seconded by WA7NWN. Motion passed.
3. Coffee Stops: WA State has strong restrictions that make it difficult for groups to participate (open since May 2022)
  - a) N2RJR: unlikely that coffee stops will happen, due to effort
4. Tower Project
  - a) Job was estimated just under \$10k...ended up more than anticipated
  - b) Crew determined that the tower was not safe; purchased additional supplies (\$4k). The previous wires were not correct or safe.
  - c) New guy wires are properly installed and tensioned. Everything is new and should last significantly into the future.
  - d) Total costs \$13,385.26
5. 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Potluck on **November 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - a) 18:30 at LCARA clubhouse
  - b) Bring enough for 10-12 people.
6. Christmas Potluck (families welcome)
  - a) Dec 10, 2022
  - b) 17:30 Set up time
  - c) White Elephant; \$20 limit. 1 gift → 1 ticket
  - d) Follow grade street past DQ, RIZAD is on Western Ln.

## New Business

1. N2RJR: What does the club want?
  - a) Contesting
    - i. Bringing other clubs in (WA7RPM)
    - ii. K7KO could be the **contest master** (HF)  
Is also involved in the clark county club
    - iii. N3EG: ARRL Sweepstakes is this weekend
    - iv. <https://floridacontestgroup.org/> is a good resource for contest info.
  - b) WA7RPM: best year in a while
    - i. More POTA – Parks on the Air
  - c) KD7BBJ: appreciation for active members and contributors to the club
  - d) Field Day
    - i. Doing it at the clubhouse isn't a real field day, we should go out
    - ii. K7KO: there is a private park near mount st. helens; nice; easy to get to, left on Toutle Rd. (Kidd Valley Camp ground)
    - iii. K7KO: RS-BA1 (remote access) software has Amazing morse code interface
  - e) KI7MPV: can we get W7DG on echolink?
    - i. To discuss further at technical committee meeting.
2. Tower:
  - a) New cabling “changed things”; additional sensitivity damaged an internal component of the rotator (top of the tower)
  - b) Need to “detune” the tower. How? No clear strategy for cost estimate yet.
  - c) Rotor:
    - i. Need a shielded cable?
    - ii. Need some way of hardening the internals
    - iii. N7UIG has plans to “harden” the rotator, but not clear if it will be enough
  - d) Not clear who will climb the tower at this point.
3. Saturday Nov 19 HF Operating Day
  - a) From 10am - 2pm
  - b) Come up to the club and talk to someone!
4. Youth involvement
  - a) K7KO is involved in the homeschool group in Vancouver (maybe remote in)
  - b) Flyer at Rec / Library / Youth Centre
5. KB7AYY: Walk-and-Knock Food Drive (Dec 3)
  - a) Received a call from Tom Gunn, they may be doing the full event this year
  - b) Connie will attend a planning meeting tomorrow and report back.
  - c) Club volunteers are responsible for communication and logistics.
6. Woodland 147.3 Repeater WA7ROB
  - a) Fire chief needs the equipment to be moved and relocated
  - b) We can stay in the site, but likely need to reconfigure the station. Could be good opportunity to change things.
  - c) Trevor (woodland) can provide building access.

## **Good of the Order**

Nothin.

## **Adjourn**

A motion was made by K7KO seconded by KB7AYY, meeting adjourned at 1958 hours with 1 dissent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Masen Furer, KF7HVM  
LCARA Secretary

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