

Minutes of Monthly LCARA Business Mtg

Held: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 1900 hours on ZOOM.

In Attendance: Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting); Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer); Carl, K7ECW (Secretary); Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee), Randy, NU7D; Rick, WA7RPM; Bob, KB7ADO; Connie, KB7AYY; Matt, KD7BBJ; Earl, N3EG; Steve, KN7SLR, Rick, WA7RPM; Terry, KB7IFR; Jeff, KJ6ETR, Lloyd, W7KDG; Jim, WE7JIM (VP), Leonard, KA7HZF; Mike, KI7MPV; Masen, KF7HVM; Shane, W7SAK; Toby, KA7JBW.

Correspondence: Glen, N7UIG received (4) QSL cards and one membership apps (translation: members paying their 2021 dues)!

Officers Reports:

President: Ralph, N2RJR, gave us a reminder about the policy of not having food or drink at the radio transmitting stations. Apparently not everyone has received or understood the policy. Please don't have food or drink at the stations!!

Treasurer: Glen, N7UIG, reported bills paid for PUD (\$118.23) and water/sewer (\$33.52). Glen has received dues monies totaling \$272.50 and donation monies totaling \$15 which was specified for the lightning protection project.

VP: Jim, WE7JIM no report.

Secretary: Carl, K7ECW no report.

LACARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG no report.

ACS Trustee: Randy, NU7D, said ACS members continue to help out with the COVID-19 drive thru testing being conducted at the fairgrounds this month. Our involvement has been in staging the cars (traffic flow) during the day. People interested in being tested are urged to go later in the day. Longest delays occur at the beginning of each day.

OLD Business:

1. Minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections or additions were necessary so a motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and passed.
2. Earl, N3EG, said he has everything he needs to startup the DMR radio station, including paperwork.
3. At the present time, zoom meetings are our platform of choice.
4. Membership applications are available and down loadable off the club website, w7dg.org. The application and check for the appropriate amount should be mailed to the PO Box listed in the club website. After January 31, 2021, last year's members who have not re-upped will be dropped from the membership roster.

5. The noise heard on the input of the W7DG repeater is still present. The source is suspected to be some device co-located with the repeater at the Columbia Heights site. Sufficient time, manpower and good weather have not been available to investigate it further.

New Business:

1. Glen, N7UIG, presented a proposed budget for 2021. There exists some radio equipment owned by club members and/or ACS which has not been donated but loaned to LCARA for an extended time. This equipment will be listed on the club's insurance policy if it is loaned out for a period of time exceeding 12 months. After discussion, a motion to accept the proposed budget (including equipment insurance) was made, seconded and passed.

2. Glen, N7UIG led a discussion on how to best deal with proposed projects. This includes initial proposal, inventory of materials required, funding the project and the construction of said project. He will work with Masen, KF7HVM on developing a platform such as groups.io or google groups to best facilitate this idea.

3. Glen, N7UIG reported that 4 members of the investment committee had met and moved forward with deciding (within the scope of authority granted them by the membership) on some direction to take, allocation of investments and transfer of funds within the account.

4. Randy, NU7D, made a motion to open the Bylaws for changes and/or amendments. Motion was seconded and past. He said he would email a list of proposed changes and/or amendments to Ralph, N2RJR (President) and Carl, K7ECW (Secretary), as required by the Bylaws, to be passed on to the Bylaws committee for review.

5. Randy, NU7D, also proposed that some policies need to be developed regarding the following items:

- A. Remote-in to the repeater.
- B. Insurance coverage (was discussed tonight but needs to be in writing).
- C. Dissolution of the club (Some wording exists in the Bylaws, but more is needed?)
- D. Use of the clubhouse during a declared emergency.
- E. Ham of the Year (HOTY) guidelines.
- F. Check-out and check-in of loaned equipment belonging to the club (Antenna Analyzer).
- G. Dropping off and picking up equipment (items being given, loaned or traded among members, remember the clubhouse is not a storage facility).

These will be first discussed by the Executive Board and brought back to the membership.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 2003 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl, K7ECW
Secretary

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