

Minutes of Monthly LCARA Business Mtg

Held: Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, at 1902 hours on ZOOM and in person at the clubhouse.

In Attendance: Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting); Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer); Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee), Randy, NU7D; Rick, WA7RPM; Connie, KB7AYY; Earl, N3EG; Jeff, KJ6ETR, Stu, K7WF; Butch, AE7KJ, Bob, KB7ADO, Steve, KN7SLR; Mike, KI7MPV, Dave, W7CAR; Skip, WB4DAD, Carl, K7ECW; Rick, WA7NWN; Marc, NC7P; Masen, KF7HVM; Jim, WE7JIM, Matt, KD7BBJ, Dwight, KF7WI; Howard, WA7SXM (guest).

Correspondence: Glen, N7UIG received some bills and advertising in the mail and passed them on to Ralph, N2RJR.

President: Ralph, N2RJR welcomed everyone to the meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our guest, Howard, WA7SXM was introduced and gave us some of his background info.

Treasurer: Glen, N7UIG, reported bills paid for PUD (\$107.51), Water (\$33.32).

VP: Jim, WE7JIM no report

Secretary: Carl, K7ECW no report

LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG no report

ACS Trustee: Randy, NU7D Two ICOM 7300 radios were purchased by the ACS. One will be used at the clubhouse and one in the Comm van to upgrade our HF communications.

OLD Business:

1. Minutes of the July 21, 2021, meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections were necessary. A motion to accept was made by Stu, K7WF and seconded by Steve, KN7SLR. Motion passed.
2. The IRS declined our request for 501(c)(3) status. Not because we don't qualify, we failed to enter the correct information on the original form. We will reapply using the long form and the process should be approved during the 4th quarter 2021.
3. The Washington State Guard held another training exercises at the clubhouse and thanked us for the use of our facilities. Two of their members are LCARA members so we like working with them and they are welcome at the clubhouse location anytime.
4. John, KI7BXF volunteered to develop a new handout for us to use for public events, VE exams, etc. As a stopgap measure, Randy, NU7D and Ralph, N2RJR made some improvements to the existing one.
5. Work is progressing on the small tower (UHF/VHF) rebuild. Hopefully will be done in the next couple of weeks.

6. We participated in National Night Out at Tam O'Shanter Park in Kelso. Approximately 2000 people were in attendance.

7. We sold an old Kenwood TS-520 radio for parts and were given \$100 donation for it.

New Business:

1. Club members need to refrain from yanking on the door lock to check if it is locked. Two feet above the lock is a sturdy handle for that purpose. Use it!

2. Contesting season is upon us. Members are encouraged to come to the clubhouse and learn/practice skills for contesting. Several are being held this weekend. Check the ARRL site for contest information.

3. Wahkiakum County radio club has invited us to join them at their meeting next month, Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the EOC building, #30 River St. in Cathlamet. Meeting starts at 1800 hours but would like us there 1715 hours for introductions and socializing.

4. The Kalama Fire Department replaced the river gauge we had with one of their own. The disposition of our gauge is unknown.

5. Ralph, N2RJR announced that the Ham of the Year for 2020 was Kevin, KC6FLG, for all the hard work he's done as our Trustee and leadership in upgrading the radios and antennas we have at the clubhouse. Congratulations Kevin!

Good of the Order

1. Kevin, KC6FLG gave an update on the small tower work and hopes to have it all complete by the contests coming up in the 2nd weekend of September. The big tower (HF) will be rebuilt next year.

2. Kevin, KC6FLG is the new net manager for the 40-meter net at noon on 7.283.5 MHz on Tuesdays.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by and seconded by many people. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1927 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl, K7ECW
Secretary

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