

# LCARA Business Meeting

## Minutes of Record

### Held

The meeting was brought to order at Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at **1901** hours on ZOOM and in person at the clubhouse.

### In Attendance

- Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting)
- Butch, AE7KJ (Vice president)
- Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer)
- Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary)
- Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee)
- Steve, KN7SLR
- Skip, WB4DAD
- Jim, WE7JIM
- Harry, WA7HH
- Mike, KI7MPV
- Lloyd, W7KDG
- Rick, WA7RPM
- Curt, KJ7CXR
- Kie, KD7UQR
- Brian, KJ7OX
- Jeff, KJ6ETR
- Matt, KD7BBJ
- Steve, K7KO
- Earl, N3EG
- Marc, NC7P
- Joe, KK7USA
- Dave, W7CAR
- Carl, K7ECW
- Rick, WA7NWN

### Correspondence

Normal bills, applications, and checks in the mail.

### Officer Reports

#### President Ralph, N2RJR

Ralph welcomed the club members and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Ralph went over expectations of club members.

#### Treasurer Glen, N7UIG

See attached (at LCARA clubhouse)

#### Vice President Butch, AE7KJ

No report.

#### Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

See attached.

#### LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG

Sent in form to renew license for W7DG.

#### ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ

ACS is moving forward. With help from Masen and Ralph, we're continuing to keep the operation afloat. We're all learning. There was a lot that Randy picked up and did that wasn't well known. One of our plans is to fix Winlink here [at LCARA] and at the EoC.

## OLD Business

1. Reading of minutes: Nov 17, 2021. Ralph makes a motion to approve. Butch and Dave second.  
Approved as not read with 1 dissent
2. **New Officers for 2022-2023:**
  - (a) President: Ralph N2RJR
  - (b) Vice President: Butch AE7KJ
  - (c) Secretary: Masen KF7HVM
  - (d) Treasurer: Glen N7UIG
  - (e) Trustee: Kevin KC6FLG (2022-2025 – 4 year term)
  - (f) ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ
3. **River gauges** [or some type of gauges] somewhere out there.
  - (a) Last gauge was at Kalama River.
  - (b) Matt KD7BBJ would like to lead the project.
  - (c) Kie KD7UQR will help
  - (d) Rick WA7RPM notes that Vancouver club might have some gauges out there.
  - (e) AQI Gauges – Longview only has 1, but we know that quality varies across the region.
4. **Christmas dinner:** was scheduled for December, was cancelled.
  - (a) December 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday potluck was also cancelled
  - (b) “We can just have a potluck up here [LCARA] anytime” – message the officers and lets make it happen
5. Hams were not used for the Walk and Knock
  - (a) If things run normally this year, hams will be put to use.
6. Dialysis transports have started
  - (a) A special thanks to the SAR members and their President for assistance transporting out of town and high elevations

## New Business

1. **Randy NU7D** is a silent key. He was involved in more than we really knew.
  - (a) ELT hunting
  - (b) Some of radios, computer, equipment was funded by grants filed by Randy
  - (c) Mission reports and *tons of paper work*. ACS was partly funded by Randy filing paperwork on hours and mileage: start and finish time are important. Any ACS mission work should include reported hours
2. **Bob KB7ADO** is a silent key.
  - (a) Very involved: Club secretary and treasurer. Club historian.
  - (b) Equipment owned by Bob is up at the LCARA clubhouse, proceeds from sale benefit Bob’s sister
3. Application forms on w7dg.org have incorrect information.
  - (a) Transpose the w7dg and the lcara.. The correct address is [w7dg.lcara@gmail.com](mailto:w7dg.lcara@gmail.com)
  - (b) Fixing the form is more complicated than it might seem: it was password protected by Randy/Connie
4. **VE Testing:** Saturday Feb 12, 2022
5. Membership will expire Jan 31, 2022. January *IS* the grace period.
  - (a) Membership form is required along with the dues. Makes the club run more smoothly.
6. **APRS and Weather station** are a mess.

- (a) Please don't complain on the radio about it, if you know what to do come up here and make it better.
- (b) Contact Glen N7UIG and Masen KF7HVM
- 7. **Weather station:** it's up and down, never know.
  - (a) It submits data to weather underground... sometimes.
  - (b) When the computer reboots, the connection crashes. Failing hard drive corrupted the weather station configuration.
  - (c) Positive: As of **Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**, it's been reporting to WU
  - (d) Our weather station recorded the Pressure Wave from the southern pacific volcanic eruption.
- 8. **147.100 repeater:** crashing when it keys up? Glen's fault. Appears to be working now.
  - (a) KJ7OX reports that it's been working fine.
- 9. New **Lawnmower** Proposed for 2022 Budget.
  - (a) A new Groundkeeping committee is proposed to coordinate work on the grounds, establish chore rotations, and schedule work parties.
    - Mowing the lawn (5 acres)
    - Weedeating around buildings and fences
    - Picking up fallen sticks and branches
  - (b) Lawnmowing is our primary contract piece to keep the ground under our clubhouse. Our requirement to be here is keeping the lawn mowed.
    - A commercial contractor would cost us \$400-\$500 per visit.
    - Mowing the lawn at peak growth rate requires one cut per week in the summer
    - Mowing the lawn with the current mower is a 5 hours job
  - (c) We need to get a new lawnmower (bigger, zero turn) to reduce the time commitment.
    - A new zero turn mower is about \$4000-\$6000 (54" – 60" deck) and would last 10 years – Lloyd W7KDG has done the research
  - (d) KD7BBJ: where will the mower be stored? In the container
  - (e) WB4DAD: What do we have now? Residential 42" deck
  - (f) KJ7OX: mowing the lawn doesn't have to happen all the same day, could be split up to reduce time commitment
  - (g) Not just this site [LCARA]: the Rainier site as well needs to be maintained if we're to keep using it.
  - (h) Butch AE7KJ makes a motion to table.
  - (i) KJ7OX: incidentals, weedeating, other clean up. Make it a club effort, not a person effort.
  - (j) N3EG: scheduling is important! When are we going to do what?
  - (k) K7ECW: can we sell the old one? Sure!
  - (l) KD7UQR: offers donation to help support purchase
- 10. **The "Rainier Site"**
  - (a) Too much discussion on the radio about this site
  - (b) It's **not** the club's site; It's a city of rainier site. Randy previously paid the utilities and maintained it and Ralph is taking over those responsibilities.
  - (c) Geramy Rapp's GMRS repeater is at the site with approval from Randy before his passing.
  - (d) N7DEM Fusion repeater: turned back on at the Rainier site. Will stay up there for now.
    - 1) Butch AE7KJ, as ACS trustee, must be in the loop about usage of the N7DEM callsign.
- 11. **Internet at LCARA clubhouse:** Currently rovided by Cascade Networks for \$117 / qtr
  - (a) Randy paid the internet, no one ever compensated him.
  - (b) Needs to be part of the budget

- (c) Recommendation is to add internet for the LCARA site to the budget. Regardless of provider.
- 12. **Technical committee meeting:** next Wednesday at LCARA open to all at 1900.
- 13. **Carl K7ECW makes a motion that “Ham of the Year” award is renamed “Randy Greeley Ham of the Year” award**
  - (a) AE7KJ seconds
  - (b) Unanimous approval without discussion.
  - (c) Kevin KC6FLG suggests making a plaque with a picture for the wall.

## Good of the Order

1. Nothing listed

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lloyd W7KDG and seconded by Carl K7ECW. Motion passed with 1 opposed. Meeting adjourned at 20:21

Respectfully submitted,  
Masen Furer, KF7HVM  
LCARA Secretary

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

## Updates

2022-01-27 22:23 PST – Updated incorrect year in header... Still getting used to the new year I suppose.