

Minutes of Monthly LCARA Business Mtg

Held: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 1900 hours on ZOOM.

In Attendance: Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting); Jim, WE7JIM (VP); Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer); Carl, K7ECW (Secretary); Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee), Randy, NU7D; Lloyd, W7KDG; Brian, KJ7OX; Rick, WA7RPM; Butch, AE7KJ; Bob, KB7ADO; Steve, KN7SLR; Connie, KB7AYY; Curt, KJ7CXR; Kyle, KJ7CXQ; Stu, K7WF; Jeff, KJ6ETR; Guests: Matt, KD7BBJ.

Items Discussed:

1. Maintenance items are on-going like field mowing by Randy, NU7D. Kevin, KC6FLG put up a new VHF long-distance antenna. Kevin, Brian, KJ7OX and Lloyd, W7KDG raised the 40-meter loop antenna from 40' to 60' which greatly improved it's performance. Brian's still working on replacing the rotator atop of the 100' tower and rehabbing the driven element of the beam antenna. Should finish in the next couple of weeks. End goal is the short tower designated the VHF tower and the tall tower designated the HF tower. Lloyd is making a grounding bus bar which will accommodate polyphasers (RF surge and lightning protection).
2. The Salmon Run (Washington State QSO Party) is Sept 19-20, 2020. People are encouraged to come to the clubhouse and participate to see if we can duplicate last years first place efforts!
3. Glen, N7UIG, gave the treasure's report for Jan-Aug 1, 2020. He emailed a copy to club officers the next day. Glen also made a proposal to allow the Finance Committee to make trades using the online brokerage account and move monies from that account to the club checking account without additional approvals. The reasoning being that with stock market trades, there isn't time to wait the the next club meeting to get membership approval for each stock trade. Opportunities for profitable trades could be lost during the waiting period. It is also felt that we need to have trust in the members of the Finance Committee to act in the best interests of LCARA. It was also determined that adding Ralph, Brian and Lloyd to the Finance Committee as members-at-large was permitted with the LCARA Bylaws. Motion was 2nd by Carl, K7ECW and after discussion described above, passed by majority vote.
4. Matt, KD7BBJ was presented to the group as a proposed new member. Randy, NU7D has his application and dues check. His application received a positive vote from the membership as our newest member. Congratulations, Matt and welcome!
5. Stu, K7WF reported that he recently has had some rather serious health issues but is recovering from them. We all wish him a full and speedy recovery and an offer to help him when needs arise.
6. It was agreed that for the foreseeable future, having business meetings on ZOOM worked well and this format should be continued. Ralph will send out an email containing the ZOOM link to the membership. The link is not to be shared with others. Members logging on to the ZOOM meeting should identify themselves with the usual first name and call sign. Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl, K7ECW
Secretary

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