

Minutes of Monthly LCARA Business Mtg

Held: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 1901 hours on ZOOM.

In Attendance: Ralph, N2RJR (President and conducting); Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer); Carl, K7ECW (Secretary); Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee), Randy, NU7D; Brian, KJ7OX; Rick, WA7NWN; Bob, KB7ADO; Connie, KB7AYY; Curt, KJ7CXR; Kyle, KJ7CXQ; Stu, K7WF; Bill, AE7CZ; Matt, KD7BBJ; Earl, N3EG; Butch, AE7KJ; Steve, KN7SLR, Rick, WA7RPM and Leonard, KA7HZF.

Correspondence: Glen, N7UIG received (2) QSL cards, both from Nebraska, in the club's PO Box.

OLD Business:

1. Minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting have been posted to the website. No corrections or additions were necessary so Brian, KJ7OX made a motion to accept, Butch, AE7KJ seconded and motion passed.
2. Salmon Run was held at the clubhouse Sept. 19-20, 2020. Brian, KJ7OX reported that we had 331 contacts total of which 68 were CW and 263 were phone. We worked all 39 counties, 39 states, 3 countries and had close to 57,000 points. Contacts were made on the 80, 40, 20 and 2 meter bands. Participants were Stu, K7WF; Brian, KJ7OX; Randy, NU7D, Rick, WA7NWN; Jim, WE7JIM; Carl, K7ECW; Ralph, N2RJR and Lloyd, W7KDG.
3. Maintenance items are on-going like field mowing by Randy, NU7D. Kevin, KC6FLG reported that the address sign and the no trespassing signs provided by Bi-Coastal Media haven't been installed yet but will be during a future work party. Two of our neighbors to the south are now using our driveway and field to access the rear of their properties for parking vehicles, which is a safety concern will also be addressed. Carl, K7ECW reported that he and Randy, NU7D would be at the clubhouse tomorrow morning to spray the parking lot for weed control and for anyone planning on coming to the clubhouse tomorrow should schedule to be there after 1300 hours.

NEW Business

1. Randy, NU7D reported that the ACS group received their 501(c)3 tax exempt status from the IRS. LCARA remains a 501(c)7 group.
2. The drone team was activated on September 28, 2020 to assist in a lost hiker search in the Coldwater area near Mt. St. Helens. Participants were Randy, NU7D, Ralph, N2RJR, Bill, AE7NQ and Steve, KN7SLR. The lost teenager was found around 2115 hours and able to walk out safely.
3. Randy, NU7D reported that the Washington State Guard had asked to use the LCARA clubhouse as a staging area for their activity on Saturday, October 17th. Permission was granted and Ralph, N2RJR and Randy plan on being there to observe.
4. Bob, KB7ADO reported the World Wide DX contest is to be held October 23-25 and would be a good chance for hams to gain some experience in contesting and working log jams.

5. Randy, NU7D reported that drone practice was held Tuesday, October 6th at Willow Grove Park at 1100 hours. Participants were Randy, Ralph, N2RJR, Steve, KN7SLR, Carl, K7ECW, Curt, KJ7CXR and Kyle, KJ7CXQ. Kyle was able to demonstrate his home built drones and the use of virtual goggles.

6. Jeff, KJ6ETR, has volunteered to fill the position of Secretary for 2021.

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1. Kevin, KC6FLG also reported some success in making South African contacts using long path on 40 meters recently around 0700 hours and again at around 1900 hours.

2. Bill, AE7NQ reported that Drone Deploy has made significant changes. The drone pilots need to be aware of the changes and will dedicate some time in future drone flight practices to learning how to use the program again.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brian, KJ7OX and seconded by a multitude of others. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1939 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl, K7ECW
Secretary

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