

# January LCARA Business Meeting

## Minutes of Record

### Held

Wednesday, January 15, 2024, at 1903 hours. Ralph N2RJR led the group in the flag salute.

### In Attendance

- Ralph, N2RJR (President, and conducting)
- Sherrie, KF7YPD (Treasurer)
- Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary)
- Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee)
- Rick, WA7NWN
- Earl, N3EG
- Brian, KJ7OX
- Butch, AE7KJ
- Tere, HAM-80
- Steve, K7KO
- Glen, N7UIG
- Rick, W7RWA
- Jim, WE7JIM
- Yvette, KK7PBP
- Alison, KK7GJP

### Correspondence

None

### Officer Reports

#### Vice President Don, KB7ZWL

Not Present

#### Treasurer Sherrie, KF7YPD

Beginning Balance: \$4508

Water \$37

Power \$185

New Computers \$1459

New Router \$175

Net Available \$2941

#### Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

No Report

#### LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG

No Report

#### ACS President: Butch, AE7KJ

Ralph and Butch invited to Ryderwood: group is putting together a plan to install a station in their restaurant (typical ham meeting place).

It's a new year: time to start planning summer activities like Tour de Blast and Field Day

## Old Business

1. Minutes of the November 2024 meeting were not read. A motion to approve was made by Kevin KC6FLG, seconded by Butch AE7KJ. Approved with 1 dissent.
2. Reminder: we are a radio club; discussions of non-radio topics has gotten out of hand and will not be tolerated. Members will be warned and continued offenses may result in termination of membership.
3. New bylaws are in effect as of Dec 1, 2024
4. VE Session held on Nov 9, 2024
  - a) 1.5 new techs
  - b) 1 upgrade to general
5. Christmas dinner went well. Thanks to those who attended.
6. On Nov 16 we had a good interaction with Washington state guard. The group has moved to Longview, so Washington State Guard is now local. We will be seeing more of them.

## New Business

1. Brian KJ7OX is presented with the “Ham of the Year” award.
2. Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Repeater Roundabout was held, making use of LCARA repeaters. Event was led by Quentin K7DRQ, who thanked us for the use of the machine.
3. Members who have not paid dues should do so as soon as possible. In Feb 2025, members who have not paid will be removed from the roster, including door codes.
  - a) When paying dues, please include a new membership form and ensure it is filled in correctly.
4. [Western Washington Amateur Relay Association](https://www.wwa.arrlnwdiv.org/western-washington-amateur-relay-association-wwara-narrowbanding-vote-12-07-2024/) hath decreed:
  - a) New coordination requests exceeding 12.5KHz will be denied as of 1/1/2024
  - b) Coordination renewals exceeding 12.5KHz will be denied after 1/1/2030
  - c) More info: <https://www.wwa.arrlnwdiv.org/western-washington-amateur-relay-association-wwara-narrowbanding-vote-12-07-2024/>
  - d) Kevin KC6FLG does not agree with the new policy: WWARA is not the FCC and they have no official regulatory authority.
  - e) Earl N3EG notes that narrowband systems can sound good (Cowlitz County Sheriff). WWARA is recommending a frequency change, but because we are south of I-5 MP65, we should NOT have to move frequencies of the 147.260 repeater, as that could potentially interfere with machines in Portland.
  - f) 147.300 (Woodland) and 444.900 (LCARA) are due for renewal in Feb 2025.
5. Executive Committee approved the revised Articles of Incorporation.
6. In 2025, Ralph N2RJR will email meeting minutes to each members as well as posting them at the clubhouse.
7. A new website will be developed that is easier to maintain. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

## Good of the Order

Rick WA7NWN

- Reminder about winter field day coming up Jan 25-26
- Rick is gifting calendars received throughout the year. Thank you.

## **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Kevin KC6FLG to dismiss, seconded by Butch AE7KJ. Meeting adjourned at 1939 hours, with 2 dissent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Masen Furer, KF7HVM  
LCARA Secretary

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