

July LCARA Business Meeting

Minutes of Record

Held

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 1900 hours. Ralph N2RJR led the group in the flag salute.

In Attendance

- Ralph, N2RJR (President, and conducting)
- Don, KB7ZWL (Vice President)
- Brian, KJ7OX (Treasurer)
- Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary)
- Earl, N3EG (Trustee)
- Butch, AE7KJ
- Glen, N7UIG
- Rick, WA7NWN
- Jeff, KJ6ETR
- Carolyn, KE7SGU

Officer Reports

Vice President Don, KB7ZWL

No Report

Treasurer Brian, KJ7OX

Treasurer's Report was shared with meeting attendees. Motion to accept made by Rick WA7NWN, seconded by Jeff KJ6ETR. Passed with one dissent.

Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

Secretary will not be seeking another term in 2025.

LCARA Trustee: Earl, N3EG

Need to file updated data sheets naming the new trustee.

ACS President: Butch, AE7KJ

Butch has a sign up sheet for volunteers helping with the Livestock Move **July 22 2:30 – 7p** at the fairgrounds.

National Night Out is **August 5th 4:30 – 9:30pm** at Tam o' Shanter Park

Old Business

1. Minutes of the June 2025 meeting were not read. A motion to approve was made by Carolyn, KE7SGU. Approved unanimously.
2. The Alexanders Sherrie KF7YPD and Rick W7RWA have fully moved to Texas and are all settled.
3. Ongoing radio issues at the club have been resolved.
4. Many old club photos have been digitized. See Brian KJ7OX for information on how to access the files.
5. 2025 is election year for both LCARA and ACS. All officers / positions are up for grabs.
6. Field Day – Club activity was cancelled due to lack of participation.

New Business

1. Ralph N2RJR hopes everyone had a safe 4th of July and that everyone's pets are okay.
2. FYI: if you come up to the club and do not have a door code and no cars are in the parking lot, it's a good sign that no one is here.
3. Mike KI7MPV sends an update that he had back surgery and is okay and recovering, but hasn't been active on the radio or in the club lately.
4. Brian KJ7OX has received the new antenna for Woodland 147.300 and it is sitting at the site
 - a) We unfortunately do not have any tower climbers able or willing to climb.
 - b) United Rental has a battery-powered 50ft lift for \$350+tx (the diesel powered lift up to 75ft is >\$1000)
 - c) Brian will be visiting the site to take measurements some time in the next week or two to see how tall the pole is.
 - d) Currently the pole has 4 pole mounts near the top with 3ft standoffs. There is another ham antenna lower on the pole. It's not currently known which antenna is associated with the W7DG repeater.
 - e) Motion to approve \$350 for lift rental made by Don, KB7ZWL second by Carolyn, KE7SGU. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Thanks to Brian KJ7OX for pressure washing the clubhouse on Tuesday.
6. Thanks to Brian KJ7OX for painting the exterior of the clubhouse.
7. Heat advisories in effect. Ralph N2RJR suggests that everyone be careful in the heat. Take breaks, get out of the sun, and drink plenty of water.
8. If you need to see Ralph N2RJR on a Friday, make sure to drop him an email and he will make an effort to come up.
9. 5th Wednesday Potluck: **July 30 6:30p**
 - a) Bring a dish to share with 8-12
10. August 17th 7pm: 2nd Wednesday presentation night at LCARA: "The Secret Life of...Radios"
11. CARS group is interested in installing 3 AREDN nodes and 1 Meshtastic node (900mhz) on the LCARA tower.
 - a) Charles AD7UF will be the local point of contact for this project.
 - b) CARS will be supplying all equipment and installation.
 - c) Referred to Technical Committee meeting for further discussion.
 - d) <https://meshtastic.org>
 - e) <https://www.aredn.org/index.html> (seemingly having trademark issues over the name)
 - f) <https://groups.io/g/CARS/messages>

Good of the Order

Carolyn, KE7SGU: Nurses are being asked to contact senator Patti Murray and ask her to oppose HB 3944 which will limit access to veteran health care

Adjourn

A motion was made by Rick WA7NWN, seconded by Earl N3EG. Meeting adjourned at 1946 hours, with 2 dissent.

Respectfully submitted,
Masen Furer, KF7HVM
LCARA Secretary

Please send suggestions or corrections to kf7hvm@0x26.net