

February LCARA Business Meeting

Minutes of Record

Held

Wednesday, Feb 21, 2024, at 1900 hours. Ralph N2RJR led the group in the flag salute.

In Attendance

- Ralph, N2RJR (President, and conducting)
- Glen, N7UIG (Treasurer)
- Don, KJ7ZWL (Vice President)
- Masen, KF7HVM (Secretary)
- Rick, WA7NWN
- Kevin, KC6FLG (Trustee)
- Earl, N3EG
- Connie, KB7AYY
- Brian, KJ7OX
- Steve, K7KO
- Jeff, KJ6ETR
- Butch, AE7KJ
- Mike, KI7MPV
- Steve KN7SLR
- Tammy R
- Anthony KK7NTM
- Renee KK7OZK (Guest)

Correspondence

None recorded.

Officer Reports

President Ralph, N2RJR

No Report

Vice President Don, KJ7ZWL

No Report

Treasurer Glen, N7UIG

Feb: Expenses: 169
Income \$400
\$5362 total

KC6FLG makes a motion to approve. KF6ETR/KI7MPV seconds. Approved with 1 dissent.

Secretary: Masen, KF7HVM

No Report

LCARA Trustee: Kevin, KC6FLG

No report

ACS Trustee: Butch AE7KJ

March 6th – Next ACS Meeting

March 30th - 5th Saturday Communication Exercise (need help planning)

June 22nd – Tour de Blast

Sep 14th – Mock Search

OLD Business

1. Minutes of the January 17th, 2024, meeting have been posted to the website.
 - a) Don's name needs to be corrected (Done).
 - b) A motion to accept the minutes was made by KB7ZWL Don and seconded by KJ6ETR Jeff. Motion passed with 1 dissent.
2. Christmas party last year went well.
3. 2 new Delta Loops (12m and 17m)
 - a) Installed by Brian KJ7OX and Kevin KC6FLG
 - b) Photos on the club website for those interested.
4. New LCARA and ACS websites are "partially" active. Some content exists, and more coming.
5. Jan 27th and 28th – January Field Day.
 - a) No club participation. Rick WA7NWN participated from home.
6. W7DG Woodland repeater: managed by Rob WA7ROB.
 - a) Tuning is required. Will be services when Rob returns.

New Business

1. Ham of the Year for 2023: **Glen N7UIG** has devoted countless time and effort on the arduous path of correcting the financial status and direction of the club. Mostly invisible work, keeping the club on a great trajectory.
2. Dues are way past due. Many new non-members
3. January Fifth Wednesday Potluck
 - a. 10 attendees, still had a lot of fun.
4. Borrowing from the Club
 - a. Mostly it's been fine without intervention.
 - b. If you borrow equipment from the club, please return it when you're done.
 - c. New policy: tell Ralph if you will be borrowing anything from the club.**
5. Cowlitz County PUD installed a new power line for bicoastal
 - a. New gravel was put on the lower driveway
 - b. We also need new gravel for the parking lot area, but transportation is the bulk of the cost. (Brian KJ7OX as point of contact for arranging)
6. VE Testing Feb 10
 - a. 2 / 2 New Tech Licensees
7. Field Day 2024 – A club sponsored event.
 - a. Alison KK7GJP is chairing the committee. Please reach out to her if you're interested in being involved.
8. IC-7610 Flagship: Please avoid fiddling with the settings on this radio. Use one of the IC-7300 to experiment or bring your own radio.
9. Building Maintenance – Looking for someone to lead this project.
 - a. Replace fascia boards near roof
 - b. Repair gutters
 - c. Pressure wash
 - d. Painting
 - e. Bicoastal Site
10. Grounds Maintenance
 - a. Mowing – Lawnmower needs a new battery.
11. Club Antenna – Mosly T34...T33 now: a limb fall damaged at least one of the elements.

- a. Reduced price: \$250
- 12. KJ7OX Shares North America Sideband Sprint March 24 00:00 – 0359 UTC (4 hours)
 - a. <https://ssbsprint.com>
- 13. 2M Whisper receiver is now online and listening at W7DG
 - a. <http://www.wsprnet.org/drupal/>
 - b. Kevin KC6FLG would like to give a presentation on weak signal modes in the future.
- 14. 3rd Saturday Operating / Training Days
 - a. KC6FLG: should we restart this in the club? Kevin is willing to offer various training topics, as long as people are interested.
 - b. Participation has been historically low.
- 15. Salmon Run Results: LCARA was 7th / 18 clubs in Washington, 104332 total points (N3EG)
- 16. WA7NWN Shares the Idaho State QSO party on March 9th

Good of the Order

None presented.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Kevin KC6FLG to dismiss, seconded by Connie KB7AYY. Meeting adjourned at 1948 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Masen Furer, KF7HVM
LCARA Secretary

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