

LAARK Minutes- September 13th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by AF5VO.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by club members. No one opted to kneel or remain seated during the pledge.

Roll call and guest call out was conducted- Mats Roos, N5AEE, (new member) was in attendance.

Community Update- Bob Story, AF5RS, was in attendance and looked great.

KC5LL read the **Secretary's report** for K5VOP who was working. Motion to accept minutes was made by (name?) AC5EZ and was seconded by Mats, N5AEE. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by WD5FFY and he reported there being \$3527.82 in the kitty after all checks cleared and the Paypal account transferred to the account. KF5LDJ moved, and K5LOL 2nd a motion to accept and it passed on a hand vote.

Technical report was given by Andrew (call sign here) and he reported a mishap/malfunction in the RCOMM controller causing it to break. He is going to test it prior to sending it back to RCOMM. K5LOL asked him when that would happen but Andrew wasn't sure. All other systems were reported to be in operation.

ARES report given by KF5LDJ. There is an ARES SET coming up and it would be based upon the historical marker drill. All modes will be used. There was interest from the group about the ARES website and KF5LDJ gave them the URL for educational and background check purposes. Michael also went over the requirements to be in Denton ARES and reported that the current membership list was about to be purged of non-compliant members lacking training or background checks. It was emphasized again how important it is to have APRS when you are out mobile during a SKYWARN net.

Breakfast was discussed. Turnout has been good with Ham/Eggs being next up on the list.

Sci-Tech report. K5LOL has been really busy meeting with the fellow that runs Sci-Tech to increase our exposure and presentation area. It appears that they can not offer any financial assistance so that would be coming from us. KF5LDJ wants to take the Sci-Tech radio over to Gerald's house to test it. K5LOL said we need more folks to help as it has been getting busy. Ken, KD2KW, asked when his background check would be returned. Ken also had some ideas on how we could spice up our presentation. The consensus was that every bit helps. Next Sci-Tech will be October 8th.

Texas QSO Party was discussed by AF5VO. We might hold it down the street from NOIL's house in Stewart Creek park. Contact AF5VO if interested.

LEFD Open House. AF5VO explained the event and indicated it was well attended. He noted we found Paul K5VOP and John, KG5BCW at that event so it has turned out well for us. DCARA wants us to take it over from this year forward. Kelly, KC5AMT, is going to aid in that transition from them to us on this event. However, Kelly was not here to explain the process of the transition. October 1st 10-2pm.

Technician License Class. KF5LDJ announced that a Tech class would be held on October 15th and 22nd. There appeared to be a bunch of interest and enthusiastic support from the membership. They will use the Gordon West books. There will be an open testing period for anyone wanting to upgrade on October 22nd. Normal fees apply.

Social Media Sites. AF5VO went over our media presence.

Presentation- Jim Lavin (call sign here) gave an incredible presentation on 3D printing and its benefit to ham radio. He provided several samples of parts he has made himself for ham radio applications. The presentation seemed very well received and there was a considerable amount of question/answer between Jim and the membership.

By-Laws Committee Report. KC5LL went over the history of the committee and named the members that served on it while creating new bylaws and a SOP for the club. The benefits of having a 501c3 along with some of the nuts and bolts of how it is created were discussed. K5LOL moved to accept the new bylaws and SOP and it was seconded by KF5LDJ. KG5DPT, Stuart, asked if there had been any input to the committee since the last month. KC5LL explained that K5WXR, Lee, had brought up some points to him at the DCARA meeting but that no one else had commented. AF5VO called for a show of hands and the motion passed. **After the vote Bob Storey, AF5RS, suggested that K5LRK.COM become an .ORG site. No vote was taken on that but K5VOP was going to be asked to make that happen.**

Old Business. TSPOTA was discussed but KC5DCT wasn't there. A bunch of website work was done the past month. A date was/is set and we will talk about it more next month. WD5FFY updated the group on the HOA legislation working its way through congress. The CERT net time has been changed to 8pm.

New Business- Tom K5LOL, announced a new net for the 220 repeater. It will be based on contest information and will also include public service information as well. It will be on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month at 8pm.

Adjournment. Ken, KD2KW, moved to adjourn and John, KC0L seconded the motion. It passed on a show of hands at 8:33pm.

Respectively submitted,

Laird Lind, KC5LL (filling in for K5VOP)

Promises- check Ken and Mats email. Have a netlogger net for Bill W5FQP.