

Minutes for March 2016 Club Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting – 03/12/16

Meeting Called to order: 10:03am

Officers Present: 3

(x) President & () Vice-President

(x) Treasure, & () Secretary

() Tech Advisors

() Web Master & (x) PIO

Number of Members Present: 12

Secretaries Report: (x) Read – () Amended – (x) Approved

Treasures Report: (x) Read – (x) Approved

- Correction was made and paid Jack NY8D \$100 for Dayton Hamvention

Techs. Report: (x) Read – (x) Approved

- AGC Failed. \$200 to replace.

- Replaced Exciter due to spur on another frequency.

- Updated Courtesy Tones

Web Master Report:

- DTMF Commands for repeater on the website

- Repeater Etiquette on website (all members should review)

- Working to correct one photo slide that has difference sizing

- Paul W8OPD – Will assist with website once he learns WordPress

Public Information Officer Report:

- Skywarn training went well, well attended, gave out many LARC brochures

- Need to reprint brochures

- Met with Mark Weaver and got more North County Trails brochures

- Barry County activating North County Trail also

- Purchased \$50 NPOTA banner and donated it (THANKS JACK!) – Will need receipt

- WM Get out of the Cabin dinner was good – 30 people – Jack can not chair next year

- Next Saturday is the Marshall hamfest – LARC will have a table

Old Business:

- Frank N8UVI has resigned from the position of tech advisor

- New Key cards installed at FROM – Old cards only work on radio room – attempting to get a new reader working to use FROM cards on the radio room also. More key cards requested from FROM.

- Still working to discuss insurance of equipment expense

- 160m contest was fun, worked many stations

- Should we stay at FROM or should we go – recommendation received to sign a 2 year lease and attempt to get rent at \$100/mth. Rent was not able to be reduced, but a 2year lease is ok. Motion was made to sign a 2 year lease, 2nd and all voted in favor. Nathan will work to get the 2 year lease executed.

- Chamber of Commerce Membership – Discussion was held, motion made to join the Lowell Chamber for \$100 for 2016 and to revisit if finances allow for 2017 and beyond was voted on and approved. Upcoming events Lowell Expo March 26, we will have a table – Del is chairing that event. We will also attempt to have a table at River Walk.

New Business:

- Looking for members who wish to join the board as VP, Secretary and Technology Advisor.

- 5/3rd River Bank Run signup is out, need volunteers for May 14th

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DwoQi5Y9hGYgFR2GRhXzYjp5VNYbH8WUkGL4jfNLIg8/viewform>

- HIAD (Ham in a Day) – coming to LARC. Goal is to hold a June event. A group of LARC officers are going to Holland to see a HAID entirely put on April 9th. Dave Putney volunteered to be a VE for the HIAD. We will attempt to run one every 2 months based on demand. Jack recommended price be set at \$50, but to include breakfast and lunch and drinks. Other clubs appear to be at \$35. The committee will review and set a price. Idea was delivered to do it at \$50, but to include 1 free year of membership in LARC. A discount to \$15 would be offered for anyone who had to do the class a 2nd time.

- CW word scramble – monthly contest – more info to follow – goal is to have a fun word scramble on repeater to encourage new hams and old hams to learn CW. If you already know CW, please do not participate. Awards TBD, but will be donated not from club budget.
- Motion was made to survey the membership to see if 2nd Saturday of the month is still best time for club's meeting. Additionally, to include on the survey what people want to do at the business meeting, should it be changed? Jack is going to put together a survey.
- We are reimplementing the membership application. A new version of the form removing the old information was distributed for review, please send any comments to Nathan. Goal is to add to website.
- May meeting – same as River Bank Run – re-scheduled for same day at 1PM.

Announcements:

- IRA Hamfest is June 4th
- Hank – W8P – National Pi day will be celebrated from 8pm EST Sunday – 8pm EST Monday. Try and work Hank in celebration of this day (3.14.16). Modes will be HF, CW and PSK.

Meeting adjourned: 11:08AM

Treasurer, Mike Wolthuis, KB8ZGL