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October 9, 2014 Executive Board Meeting. Minutes

The meeting started at 6:33 PM with Chuck N2JIY, Peter AA2VG, Donald AB2BN, Thomas KC2PSC, Neil KC2TAF, Roger W2GLE, Scott AC2FV and Howard KC2OJO present.

Neil KC2TAF announced that the PayPal account was up and working for renewals and membership fees. This was followed by a brief discussion on whether or not to add a provision for the additional charge for receiving the delivery of QSX by U.S. Mail.

The issue of the need to update the Club's Bylaws was briefly considered but the general consensus was that there were too many issues of higher priority to tackle that issue at the present time. Any further action on this item was postponed until 2015.

There was a brief discussion concerning where some of the Club records are located. Pat WS2A was quoted as saying that the records he had went to Howard KC2OJO but Howard reported that he had never taken possession of the documents.

Chuck N2JIY reported that he had spoken to the Accountant he had mentioned to the Board previously and obtained an informal price for looking into the Club's tax status. The Board members requested that he get a formal quote and if it was in the expected range he should proceed with the assistance of Peter AA2VG and Roger W2GLE.

Chuck informed the Directors that the .210 repeater was currently operating very well due to the efforts of Bruno KC2ESI and Jack K2JX. He indicated that the official repeater coordination list clearly showed 2 stations operating on 147.210, but with different PL tones. He will be following up with Metrocor.

Arrangements for the Holiday party were discussed in detail, including types of food, fees – if any, and choosing a Chair for the event. It was decided to have a \$5 suggested donation for the members attending and Scott AC2FV took the assignment of being the Holiday Party Chair.

Thomas KC2PSC reported that the new website was under construction and

requested that Scott AC2FV design a banner for the Club's home page. Scott agreed.

Chuck N2JIY reminded the Board that we needed to complete our requirements for

Oct. 9, 2014 General Meeting. Minutes

The meeting, chaired by Chuck N2JIY, Larkfield President, started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve N2PQJ at 7:36 PM.

Roger W2GLE, Larkfield Treasurer, outlined the cash available in each of the Club's accounts and updated the members present on the cumulative cash flow for the year.

Howard KC2OJO, Larkfield Secretary, reported that the minutes of the September meetings had been sent out electronically on October 1st in the October QSX and also distributed in QSX by U.S. Mail shortly thereafter. Neither the website or mailing list had any problems during the month.

Thomas KC2PSC, the QSX Editor, thanked Peter AA2VG for the article that was published in the October QSX and reminded the members that articles and photos were needed if QSX was going to have the material necessary. Members can send text and photos to larkfieldqsx@gmail.com.

Steve N2PQJ reported on ARES/RACES events. The Huntington SET (Simulated Emergency Test) had been held on Saturday, Oct. 4th with good results. Eight

any rooms we will be needing in the Huntington Senior Center for calendar year 2015.

The meeting ended at 7:36 PM.

messages were sent on FEMA 213 Forms and contacts from the various locations were exchanged via the repeater and simplex on 2 meters and on 10 meters HF. Steve also reported that DOD planned on communicating with local ARES operators on HF and VHF but only directly, not with the Internet or store and forward systems in the loop.

Chuck N2JIY reported that the .210 repeater had been operating quite well recently. This was corroborated by the members present. Among the changes made were the substitution of a new set of borrowed duplexers for those used previously. The repeater itself was also swapped out with a newer model that is owned by Bruno KC2ESI. Chuck also will attempt to contact the owner of the New Jersey repeater on .210 to see if they can fix the problem with their PL which is not working at all.

Chuck N2JIY reported on the use of simplex for Cow Harbor. Jack K2JX had suggested it and it worked great! The only marginal areas were communication from Northport High School to Cow Harbor (weak signal) and too short an interval of radio silence before the starting gun of the 2K race. Steve N2PQJ stated that better 2 meter antennas could make a big

difference on simplex. He noted that he had obtained a really good 2 meter antenna, 5/8 wave, from Diamond for about \$20. There was much discussion on optimizing the simplex operation for next year.

Scott AC2FV, the Larkfield Membership Chair, introduced Neil W2NDG who had come to our meeting as a guest. Neil is also a member of LIMARC and has given talks to LIMARC on various topics. His interests are computer maintenance and repair, the Raspberry Pi, SDR and building kits. He has a website, radiokitguy.com. Scott also reported on the arrangements being made for the Holiday Party, the \$5 recommended donation and the implementation of PayPal on our website.

Howard KC2OJO reported that both the Nightimers and Daytimers were running about 4 attendees with the Nightimers sometimes reaching much higher numbers.

Howard reported for the VE Committee. The next VE session was set for Oct 18th and at the last session one individual obtained the Technician license and the other passed both the Technician and General exams.

Steve N2PQJ read the Nominating Committee's list of suggested candidates for the 2015 Officers and Directors. Committee members are Steve, John KN2GSP and Jonathan KC2PBE. The list is as follows:

President	Scott AC2FV
Vice President	Neil KC2TAF
Treasurer	Roger W2GLE
Secretary	Peter AA2VG
Director	John KN2GSP
Director	Robert AC2AZ
Director	Steve N2PQJ
Director	Rich W2TMA

The positions held by Directors Pat WS2A, Neil KC2TAF and Donald AB2BN expire at the end of 2014. Peter AA2VG will surrender his 2015 term as a Director should he become Secretary for 2015. Rich, W2TMA will be appointed by the next president to finish Peter's term as Director.

The floor was then opened for further nominations . None were received.

Non-competitive positions will be automatically voted in by the Larkfield ARC Secretary at the November meeting.

Fred K2LDC requested that any members with knowledge of cubesats contact him to offer their help to several High School students with their cubesat projects.

Howard KC2OJO stated that he was going to drop his moderation of the InfoChat since he felt that there really wasn't enough interest in it by the Club members.

Scott AC2FV commented that the Huntington Net was far superior to any that he has listened to in his various trips around the U.S. Steve N2PQJ stated that

he had been receiving favorable comments with regard to the Monday night net.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Larkfield Amateur Radio Club Nominations for Club Officers

President	Scott Conover AC2FV	2015
Vice President	Neil Harris KC2TAF	2015
Treasurer	Roger Rapp W2GLE	2015
Secretary	Peter Deluca AA2VG	2015
Director	John Marinos KN2GS	2015-2016
Director	Bob Benward AC2AZ	2015-2016
Director	Steve Hines N2PQJ	2015-2016

Club Yahoo Group

Please join the ClubsYahoo group. Not a member already send an e-mail to the following address:

larkfieldarc-subscribe@yahogroups.com

ARES/RACES NET

Sunday 0900 New York State RACES 3993.5 LSB
Monday 1900 Huntington - 147.210
Monday 1930 Smithtown - 145.430
Monday 1930 Southampton - 147.195
Monday 2000 Nassau County ARES RACES - 443.525
Monday 2000 Easthampton - 145.270
Monday 2015 Babylon - 146.685
Monday 2030 Brookhaven - 145.210
Monday 2100 Suffolk County RACES - 145.330

AC2FV Visits the Elecraft Factory!

My younger days were spent in upstate, New York. I went to college and stayed on Long Island, while my family relocated to Watsonville, CA.

Watsonville is an agricultural community where a major portion of the country's fruits come from. Martinelli's Sparkling Cider also has their home in Watsonville.

Life moved on, and in 2005 I obtained my amateur radio license. I progressed, and earned my general, and then extra license. With

those extra privileges, I decided to get a decent HF radio, and choose the Elecraft K3.

Of course, what's the first thing we all do when new equipment arrives? We read the manual.

I know, I can be a funny guy!

Well, when I *did* finally get around to reading the manual, I discovered that Elecraft is located in... you guessed it, Watsonville, CA! I knew then that on my next trip to see my family, I'd also be looking up Elecraft.

Since that time, I've made a few trips out to CA, and visited Elecraft more than once. I've developed a work relationship with them, and every now and then do a project for them. (Those KX3 ads you see in QST have my fingerprints on them.)

This past September, I had a trade show to attend in San Diego, so while I was there I visited my family again, and also the Elecraft folk. Eric Swartz – WA6HHQ, one of the Elecraft partners, gave me the factory tour again for the benefit of my ham friends at LARC.

Since my time working with Elecraft, their business has grown rapidly. The KX3 has become very successful, and additional space was added for production, QC and shipping. Elecraft is well known for excellent products and customer service. Look for more great Elecraft innovations in the future!



By Scott Conover, AC2FV



The author (left) and Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ in the factory. Note the LARC yellow club shirt, guys!



KX3 boards ready to move over to the burn-in rack for testing.



A testing and repair section in the factory



The burn-in area. Each Elecraft product is burned in and tested before it is shipped to make sure everything is operating up to spec.



YAESU SYSTEM FUSION DISCUSSION

The November meeting will include an in depth discussion of the Yaesu System Fusion digital voice system. The club is currently considering purchasing a repeater to replace the current 147.210 repeater.

OPERATING CALENDAR

ARRL PHONE SWEEPSTAKES November 15 2100Z-November 17 0300Z

Worked all Europe DX November 8 0000Z – November 9 2400Z

Kentucky QSO Party November 8 1400Z – November 9 -0200Z

CQ Worldwide CW contest November 29, 0000Z - November 30, 2359Z

Japan International DX Contest November 8, 0700Z - November 9, 1300Z

Source: ARRL.org. All contest rules and regulations can be found at arrl.org.

The Larkfield Amateur Radio Club

Affiliated with American Radio Relay League

Officers (one year terms)

President Chuck Hartley N2JIY(2014)
Vice-President Scott Conover AC2FV(2014)
Secretary Howard Stern KC2OJO(2014)
Treasurer Roger Rapp W2GLE(2014)

General Directors (two year terms)

Neil Harris KC2TAF (2013-2014)
Pat McPartland WS2A (2013-2014)
Donald Clarke AB2BN (2013-2014)
Peter Deluca AA2VG (2014-2015)
Thomas Price KC2PSC (2014-2015)
Jonathan Schwartz KC2PBE (2014-2015)

WA2PNU Station Trustee Roger Rapp W2GLE

WR2ABA Station Trustee Roger Rapp W2GLE

W2LRC Station Trustee Roger Rapp W2GLE

**Members of the Larkfield Amateur
Radio Club are invited to use the
W2RGM Dix Hills Repeater System:**

2 meters
147.075 MHz out/147.675 MHz in
4z/136.5 Hz PL

The Larkfield Amateur Radio Club wishes to thank Bruno KC2ESI, Jack K2JX, Joe N2QPD, Artie KC2JFU, Bob AC2AZ and Richard WA2WNY for their dedication and efforts in maintaining the Club's repeaters and our packet and APRS stations. Their collective efforts and donations of equipment along with the overview of Roger W2GLE and Chuck N2JIY have kept us "on the air". Still to go, another 440 MHz repeater and adding IRLP or Echolink to one of our repeaters. We need volunteers for this new work.

General Meetings 7:30 PM
November 13, 2014 December 13, 2014

Board Meetings 7:00 PM
November 13, 2014 December 13, 2014

GOOD AND WELFARE

Attention members: Our Good and Welfare Chairperson is Helene Lazarus (XYL of Arnie N2PLS). Please inform her (499-2837) of news about club members so she may make submissions to this publication.

70 centimeters
448.500 MHz out/ 443.500 in
2a/114.8 Hz PL

THE LARKFIELD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OPERATES:

WR2ABA HUNTINGTON REPEATER

2 meters
147.210 MHz out/147.810 MHz in
4z/136.5 Hz PL

W2LRC HAUPPAUGE REPEATER

2 meters
145.430 MHz out/144.830 MHz in
4z/136.5 Hz PL

W2LRC HUNTINGTON APRS

2 meters
144.390 MHz In/Out

USA EASTNET FLEXNET NETWORK

2 meters
WA2PNU (0-15) Nodes 145.070 MHz
WA2PNU (-4) Node 145.070 MHz (BBS)

<p align="center"><u>2014 DUES SCHEDULE</u> Regular Membership: \$35.00 Members Age 65 or older: \$25.00 Members Age 17 or less: \$25.00 Disabled Members: \$25.00 Living Outside Club's Operating Sphere: \$15.00</p> <p><u>Add \$10.00 if you want QSX via U.S. Mail</u></p>	<p align="center">Pay by PayPal at larkfield.org</p> <p align="center">Make your check payable to: LARC</p> <p align="center">And Mail to: Larkfield Amateur Radio Club Inc. PO Box 1450 Huntington, NY 11743</p>
<p align="center">VE SESSION SATURDAY December 13th HUNTINGTON TOWN HALL 100 MAIN ST., ROOM 114 WALK-Ins WELCOME</p> <p>Team Liaison is Rich W2TMA. Contact is Stan N2YKT. Fee is \$15. All elements will be offered and exams start at 9:00AM. You must have 2 forms of ID, one of which includes a photo. If upgrading, bring an original and a copy of your license and an original of any CSCEs.</p>	<p>The next Executive Board and General meetings will be on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00PM and 7:30PM, respectively.</p> <p>You can submit articles or photos for publication by e-mail at: larkfieldqsx@gmail.com</p>

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