



# Lee De Forest Amateur Radio Club



LDARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, February 28, 2026, 11:00 a.m., In-Person & by Zoom  
J & M Family Restaurant, 1271 S. State St., Hemet, CA 92543

**Call to Order/Welcome:** 11:00 a.m. by President Rick Gardner (KN6RBP)

**Present / Signed In:**

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| Rick Gardner, President (KN6RBP)    | Duane Deaton, Director (KN6AUV)        |
| Don Pullens, Vice President (N6DMP) | Jackie Harris, Director (KC7CBN)       |
| Mary Ortiz, Secretary (KO6GYP)      | Rod McHenry (N6CG)                     |
| Karen Stewart, Treasurer (KN6MJS)   | Candace Gardner (KO6GGW)               |
| Larry Watson, Director (KN6PUR)     | Terry Smith (KO6ALP)                   |
| Bart Herring, Director (KM6JWS)     | Ean Wohltman, Guest (Not yet Licensed) |
| No Members attended by Zoom         |  |

**Quorum Present.**

**Reports:**

**Secretary’s Report: Mary Ortiz (KO6GYP)** provided a review of the Board Meeting minutes for the January 31, 2026 board meeting. Mary explained that meeting minutes are typed up and sent by e-mail to Rick Gardner and Duane Deaton as soon as practical after each meeting, usually within a few days. After review, the minutes are posted to the LDARC website, in the Members Login section, under Events and Information or Announcements, Post and Announcement Archive.

**Motion to accept Minutes for January 31, 2026:** Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Bart Herring. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Quartermaster’s Report: Don Pullens – None.**

**Treasurer’s Report: Karen Stewart** presented a banking report for January 2026, below:

MONTH	January 2026
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,932.34
EXPENDITURES	\$364.88
INCOME	\$1,012.29
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,579.75
REPEATER FUND	\$1,377.00

**Motion to Accept Treasurer’s Reports:** Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Larry Watson. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bob Brown (KE6JGM) Resigned as an LDARC Board Member for 2026:** Bob has not been attending recent meetings and there have been some uncomfortable incidents. There was an

incident during a recent zoom meeting between Bob and another member. Others in the meeting were uncomfortable and reported their concerns. Rick called Bob afterward to discuss the matter, but Bob did not wish to discuss it.

- Bob followed up with an e-mail to Rick volunteering to resign as a Board Member. His resignation has been accepted.
- The open Director position must be filled within 2 months.
- The club constitution does not provide strict requirements for the process of replacing a board member who resigns.
- Following robust discussion, Rick stated the matter will be presented to the membership at the next regular club meeting, seeking nominations. Nominees must state they are willing to serve.
- The Board will take the nominations under consideration and will vote on the replacement either at that regular meeting or during the next board meeting.

**Breakfast Fundraiser Issue:** Steve went in to Colonial Country Club to solidify the date of the breakfast fundraiser in May. Staff there stated that food preparers must have County Health Department issued food handler cards.

- Larry suggested choosing a representative in each work area who does have a food handlers card and having them oversee the team members assigned to them who do not have cards.
- It was noted that non-club members cannot purchase food during a club fundraising event. The club must pay for guests. The individuals cannot make donations. A permit may be required.
- Don suggested that Larry research the matter to make sure LDARC is not breaking the law or crossing any lines.
- Mary stated that other organizations have partnered with area restaurants to set up club fundraiser days. A portion of proceeds for each meal of any patrons who mention the club on a designated fundraiser day go to the club. Rick stated this takes away from the club interaction / social experience.
- Having breakfasts catered was discussed as an option. Again, it would take away from the club social experience.
- Rick, Don and Larry will speak with CCC staff together to discuss solutions. They will look into costs, requirements and group fee waivers through Environmental Health for food handler cards, if determined to be required.
- Don asked Karen to put together a profit report for the last four (4) breakfast fundraisers for Board consideration.

**Christmas Dinner Planning:** Karen reports that Jackie has been very helpful in contacting caterers. They are waiting for some responses, but handed out two sets of catering cost summaries from local catering business (will scan and add as an attachment).

- Rick feels we need another zoom meeting on this in two weeks (or more) to allow for additional caterers to respond.
- **Zoom Meeting RE Christmas Dinner Planning set for Mon., 03/09/26 at 6:00 p.m.**



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- Zoom Meeting RE **Special Event Planning** to follow **Christmas Diner Planning meeting** immediately on **Mon., 03/09/26 at 7:00 p.m.**
- Rick noted he will update the Club Calendar on Sun., 03/02/26, with all upcoming planning meeting dates and times.

**Field Day:** It was noted that with Bob Brown's recent resignation, it is unclear if he will still chair the Field Day Committee.

- Rick will look into whether a new committee chair, or a back-up, needs to be appointed.

**Club Website:** Rick and Duane maintain the club website, which is hosted by Blue Host.

- Blue Host monthly rates doubled after the first year (went from \$7.00 a month to \$14.00 per month). Rick has been paying the cost, to date.
- Rick requested Board consideration for partial reimbursement to him by the club in the amount of \$12.00 per month.

**Motion to reimburse Rick for webhosting costs in the amount of \$12.00 per month:** Bart Herring; **Seconded:** Karen Stewart.  
None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to receive an invoice or statement of web hosting costs for club records:** Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Bart Herring.  
None Opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Special Event Dates:** Don stated that specific dates need to be identified and agreed to in order for the club to finalize applications for the event itself, the special event call sign and submit for advertising in QST.

- Club event calendar for the next few months reviewed.

**Motion to set the Special Event dates as August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** Bart Herring; **Seconded:** Don Pullens.  
None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

### Q & A:

- Karen would like more face to face (in person) presentations at club meetings instead of Youtube videos. Rick and Don will work on some presenter ideas and invitations.
- Terry suggests having a special operator meeting and mock event prior to the Special Event activation weekend. To be scheduled.
- Rick will be soliciting member interest / engagement at next meetings.
- Duane provided a Post Office update.
  - Duane went into the San Jacinto Post Office, met with Tyler and reviewed rejected mail items.

- The San Jacinto post office building has a 92583 zip code; the P.O. Boxes have a 92581 zip code.
- It was determined that the issue with rejecting mail due to zip code was occurring at the San Bernardino post office – the items were never reaching San Jacinto.
- Duane put in a complaint ticket and has received follow-up contact. He now has contact telephone numbers and email addresses, to use if issues continue. The physical P. O. Box now has updated interior labels as well.

**Audit Dates:** Bart stated that the club financial audit for 2025 must be done as soon as possible. After discussion, date set.

- **Audit Meeting:** Tues., March 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at J & M Family Restaurant.

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:25 p.m.**