



Lee De Forest Amateur Radio Club



LDARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., In-Person & by Zoom
J & M Family Restaurant, 1271 S. State St., Hemet, CA 92543

Call to Order/Welcome: 11:02 a.m. by President Rick Gardner (KN6RBP)

Present:

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| Rick Gardner, President (KN6RBP) | Jackie Harris, Director (KC7CBN) |
| Don Pullens, Vice President (N6DMP) | Greg Ustaszewski, KN6PKG |
| Mary Ortiz, Secretary (KO6GYP) | Candace Gardner, KO6GGW |
| Karen Stewart, Treasurer (KM6MJS) | Allen Yates, KI6PP |
| Larry Watson, Director (KN6PUR) | V. Brookes (KO6JVD) |
| Bob Brown, Director – virtual (KE6JGM) | Terry Smith (KO6ALP) |
| Bart Herring, Director (KM6JWS) | Rod McHenry (N6CG) – out at 11:20 a.m. |
| Duane Deaton, Director (KN6AUV) | |

Quoram Present.

Called to Order: 11:02 a.m. – Rick greeted all and welcomed new board members (Larry Watson, Jackie Harris, Mary Ortiz)

Reports:

Secretary’s Report: Larry Watson (KN6PUR) provided his final report for 2025 and as club secretary, reading minutes for the November 22, 2025 board meeting, and providing a review of year end activities. Larry will remain as a Club Director. A copy of the minutes will be emailed to new club secretary for records.

Motion to accept Minutes for November 22, 2025: Larry Watson; Seconded: Karen Stewart
None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Quartermaster’s Report: Don Pullens – None.

Treasurer’s Report: Karen Stewart stated she would be presenting reports for November and December 2025, and January 2026. There was discussion as to whether January’s report could be presented prior to the end of the month. Karen explained there will be no banking transactions on Sunday, January 31, 2026, so the report is accurate. Reports for club bank account presented below:

MONTH	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,240.50	\$3,153.26	\$3,932.34
EXPENDITURES	\$2,020.93	\$1,374.92	\$364.88
INCOME	\$2,240.50	\$2,154.00	\$1,012.29
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,153.26	\$3,932.34	\$4,579.75
REPEATER FUND	\$1,161.00	\$1,377.00	\$1,377.00

Karen noted that Don Pullens donated funds to pay for the sandwich lunches for Winter Field Day, allowing funds collected to be returned to the club as profit.

The total amount collected for Winter Field Day lunches was: \$98.00.

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Reports: Duane Deaton; Seconded: Larry Watson.
None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Audit Dates: Karen reported the Club Audit date is to be determined within the next couple of weeks. Karen will let Bart and Rick know. Rod is usually the second person to conduct the audit. Rick will discuss with Rod to determine if he would like to continue in the role.

Annual Event Schedule Planning: Rick would like to lay out a tentative annual event schedule for the year, to include:

- Two field days
- Two breakfast fundraiser events (fall and spring)
- Christmas Parade
- Christmas Dinner – would like to plan early, review different venues. Need committee.
- POTA event (fall)
- LDARC Special Commemorative Event (pending board approval)
- Event Planning meeting originally scheduled for 01/12/26 (did not occur) is rescheduled to Mon., 02/02/26 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Event Planning Committee will include: Rick, Don, Larry, Bob, Mary and Bart

LDARC Commemorative Special Event: Terry provided hand-outs (incorporated as attachment to minutes) to the Board, and a flash drive containing all documents and photographs to Rick. Terry stated we need to work on items listed in hand out. Rick stated he will copy the documents on the drive. It is yet to be decided who will do what tasks.

Motion to approve the LDARC Commemorative Special Event and schedule an event planning meeting to be held on Mon., February 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. over Zoom: Bart; Seconded: Don.
None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Terry stated that to get the event into QST by April, the submission must be made by 02/01/2026. If not, must submit by 03/01/2026 for an event date in May or June. Per Rick, no need to rush the event. Planning meeting will remain 02/09/26.

Karen stated that Tabitha has offered to provide historical club data. It was noted that there is a "DeForest" Club in the mid-west, but they do not use the full name, as we do.

Repeater Relocation Update: Rick reported that Bart donated an antenna, which was checked out by the repeater trustee. He was unable to get the SWR into an acceptable range for a



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repeater. Rick suggested having it as a second repeater, possibly for 440, instead of as a back-up repeater. Rick will request a 440 pair of frequencies. Don asked if this is an expense the club wants to take on.

Bart clarified that the club would keep the current repeater on Hemet Hospital with the same frequencies. No change. The antenna has been on site for 10+ years. There is concern it may need to be replaced. If so, a date would need to be determined. Rick will ask the trustee to put forward some options for replacement. If "like for like", no approval is needed, per Larry. The current antenna is a Diamond dual band vertical (model unknown). Rick will check with Bart about coding and will provide a report/update at the next board meeting.

Quarter Master Update: Don reported that he has taken pictures and noted locations of all items the club has. Rick would like a detailed inventory so the club can decide what to sell, what to give as raffle prizes...etc. It is not all radios and antennas. There are chairs, cables, club items, some broken radios..etc. Some items may be donated. Mary suggested broken radios may be used for workshops. Rick stated Asa is the Elmer.

Bob's list of SK Earl Troutman's equipment is on the club website under "Events & Information".

Youth Outreach: Gary is not present. Item deferred to next Board Meeting.

Website Layout: Duane and Rick did some updates. It was noted that some have reported difficulty locating Board meeting information, which can be found on the club calendar. There is a link under "Events & Information" as well. The link is in a sub-menu.

Q & A: Bart stated that the Board should invite Terry Smith to the Commemorative Special Event Planning Meeting.

Rick asked about the Post Office. Karen stated the zip code for the San Jacinto Post Office and P.O. Boxes is 92581. The zip code for the surrounding community is 92583. It was noted that items mailed to the club with either 92581 or 92583 have been returned to sender. Jackie stated the P.O. Box is listed on the USPS web site as having a "92583" zip code. Mary noted the sign in front of the San Jacinto Post Office previously showed "92581" but has been changed to read "92583". Jackie recommends the club draft a letter to the Post Master regarding the situation and the impact to the club.

Larry suggested relocating the computer used for Zoom attendees to the head of the table. It was difficult for virtual attendees to be recognized.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:26 p.m.