



Lee De Forest Amateur Radio Club

LDARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 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:

Rick Gardner, President (KN6RBP)

Don Pullens, Vice President (N6DMP)

Mary Ortiz, Secretary (KO6GYP)

Karen Stewart, Treasurer (KN6MJS)

Larry Watson, Director (KN6PUR)

Bart Herring, Director (KM6JWS)

Terry Smith (KO6ALP)

V. Brookes (KO6JVD)

Candace Gardner (KO6GGW)

No Members attended by Zoom

Quorum Present.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Mary Ortiz (KO6GYP) provided a review of the Board Meeting minutes for the February 28, 2026 board meeting. Mary noted that the meeting minutes had been prepared and emailed to Rick Gardner and Duane Deaton during the evening of Sat., February 28, 2026. After review, the minutes were posted to the LDARC website for member review. Minutes may be found in the Members Login section, under Events and Information or Announcements, Post and Announcement Archive.

Motion to accept Minutes for February 28, 2026: Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Larry Watson. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Quartermaster's Report: Don Pullens – None.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Stewart presented a banking report for Feb. 2026, below:

MONTH	February 2026
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,579.75
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,831.36
REPEATER FUND	\$1,990.50

Discussion:

- Don would like balance detail separated out.
- Karen explained that this is a "dues" heavy period, with membership dues being paid. This will level out and drop off over the next few months.
- Duane asked Karen to call those who have not yet paid the annual dues
- Don stated he and Larry can make the calls, but need the list.

- Rick asked Candace to remind him to get Don and Larry the list of people the club has not been hearing from and should follow-up with. The lists may be combined (those not heard from and those who have not yet paid dues).
- Brookes asked if there is an incentive (discount) to pay multiple years of dues. There is not. That had been tried previously and was ended for various reasons.
- Bart asked for a brief review of an Annual Fundraiser Breakfast Profit Report that Karen had compiled at Don's request. See table below:

BREAKFAST DATE	PROFIT
May 2023	\$210.27
Sept. 2023	\$183.82
May 2024	UTD
Oct. 2024	\$67.86
May 2025	\$175.04
Oct. 2025	\$199.70

There was discussion of the findings.

- Don would like time to review more fully (packet provided to Don; Mary took pictures of the top two pages: See Minute Attachments).
- Don would like to see more returns/profits per event. Is it worth it to do these?
- Bart thinks the events build comradery, are a good opportunity to socialize and are good team building events. Also, Brookes makes the best bacon.

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Reports: Bart Herring; **Seconded:** Don Pullens.

None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Vacant Board Position:

In February 2026, Bob Brown (KE6JGM) resigned as an LDARC Board Member for the 2026 term, creating a vacancy that must be filled. The matter was brought to the attention of the general membership during the regular club meeting on March 18, 2026. Two nominations were made during that meeting. They were for: V. Brookes and Terry Smith.

Note: Directors Jackie Harris (KC7CBN) and Duane Deaton (KN6AUV), who were not present, had requested prior to this board meeting to vote by proxy. They made their votes known to Rick Gardner, Don Pullens and Bart Herring. Both voted for Terry Smith.

Motion to elect Terry Smith (KO6ALP) to fill the vacant LDARC Director Position: Don Pullens;

Seconded: Larry Watson.

None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Regarding Club Member Behavioral Expectations:

Rick expressed concerns regarding recent incidents involving Bob Brown and the impact his actions and behavior have had on other club members, as well as the reputation of the club.



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Karen provided explanations and arguments in defense of Bob, who was not present to speak for himself. A list of concerns were discussed, and it was determined that the Board should address the matter in a fair and impartial manner.

Motion to have Larry and Mary draft a professional letter on behalf of the Board to Bob Brown to address factual matters, explain behavioral expectations and compliance options: Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Larry Watson. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to identify a new, neutral testing location, such as the public library, for future testing dates – not to be implemented prior to Board approval: Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Bart Herring. None Opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

May Breakfast Fundraiser update: Larry and Don have done fantastic work. Karen stated the room has been reserved.

- Don and Larry will meet with Colonial Country Club representatives on Tues., March 31, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.
- An email update will be sent out to all club members following that meeting.
- Larry will suggest choosing one or two club members to obtain food handler cards.
- Larry researched Riverside County Codes and determined there are exemptions and conditions for non-profit groups that do apply:
 - Non-profits may sell tickets to members only and do not need to get a food handler's certification.
 - Events may not be open to the general public
- Larry also has a written statement for event kitchen volunteers to read and acknowledge before participating in preparing or handling food. He gave a copy of that form and a food handlers booklet to Karen.

Raffles, Club Financial Report and Monies Available for Events: Don shared concerns about the club financial report and monies available for events.

- Don noted the repeater fund is growing quickly. The general fund should be the focus for growth; the repeater fund should be secondary.
- Karen noted that donations specific to the repeater fund must be allocated to that fund.
- Costs for radios to raffle are rising. Other clubs charge \$20.00 for event tickets.
- Bart stated this matter should go before the general club membership.
- Rick stated the club membership fee should be left alone.
- Larry does not want to see a temporary change put in place.
- Need to balance 50/50 to go to the general fund, with communication to the membership.
- It was suggested to sell raffle tickets out (meet financial threshold) prior to purchasing prize items

- Rick suggested the Quartermaster may be able to identify some club assets in storage that could also be given as raffle prizes.

LDARC SWAG Committee: Rick asked if the Board would like to see a dedicated committee for the creation of club event swag (t-shirts, hats...etc.), as well as for general club merchandise. All present agreed. The following volunteered and have been appointed by Rick (per club constitution):

- Larry Watson
- Don Pullens
- Rick Gardner

Sponsorships or Donations: Bart asked if the club is reaching out to HRO, Gigaparts, DX Engineering, RadiOddity..etc. for sponsorships or donations. If the club were to add affiliate links to its website, perhaps a percentage of purchase through such links could go back to the club's general fund. With the club's non-profit status, businesses could write off donations.

LDARC Special Event:

- Rick stated to Larry that the QSL cards look really good.
- Duane is back in town and working on loading the page the QR code will point to. Larry provided information for that page.
- The club obtained the special call sign "K6L"
- Terry and Rick are working on getting WaveLog set up.

Christmas Dinner Planning: Karen provided a menu handout with dinner options.

- Don stated this should be sent out to the club members. The date needs to be determined.
- It was stated that Jackie had sent out an email to some board members with the menu information (Mary did not locate the email).

Motion to set the Christmas Dinner date as Sat., Dec. 19, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.: Bart Herring;

Seconded: Terry Smith. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Veteran's NET: Don would like to establish a NET to get veterans of different branches involved. Would start analog. Discussion of a ladies NET will be at a later time (TBD). Reviewed calendar for open days and times for a possible veterans NET that do not conflict with other established NETS (we do not want to compete).

Motion to establish a Veteran's NET and set the day/time later: Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Larry Watson. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:11 p.m.