



Lee De Forest Amateur Radio Club



LDARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 25, 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) | Candace Gardner (KO6GGW) |
| Don Pullens, Vice President (N6DMP) | Gary Watson (KN6VJO) |
| Mary Ortiz, Secretary (KO6GYP) | Kimberly Deaton (KG6BAM) |
| Karen Stewart, Treasurer (KN6MJS) | Bruce Jones (WA6STA) |
| Larry Watson, Director (KN6PUR) | Damon Jones (KI6HPV) |
| Bart Herring, Director (KM6JWS) | |
| Duane Deaton, Director (KN6AUV) | |
| Terry Smith, Director (K06ALP) | |
| Jackie Harris, Director (KC7CBN) | |

No attendees by Zoom

Quorum Present.

Reports:

Secretary’s Report: Mary Ortiz (KO6GYP) provided a review of the Board Meeting Minutes for the March 28, 2026 board meeting.

Motion to accept Minutes for March 28, 2026: Bart Herring; **Seconded:** Don Pullens.
None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Karen Stewart stated she had gone back through receipts, reviewed deposits and has corrected the repeater fund balance. Karen’s report for March, ending March 31, 2026 is below:

MONTH	March 2026
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,831.36
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,743.76
REPEATER FUND	\$1,700.00

Karen provided Bart with documentation from audit that he requested for review. Bart thanked Karen for getting that done.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report for March 2026: Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Duane Deaton.
None Opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Karen distributed Name badges and chevrons to those who had ordered and paid for them. Karen will order a name badge for Jackie Harris.

Checks for Memorial Funeral Services for Regular Meeting Venue: Karen reported that she left a check for \$30.00 after the last meeting, which pays for March and April. Karen received a receipt.

Fox Hunt, scheduled for Sat., 05/02/2026 at Simpson Park:

- Larry stated there is a need to discuss details. Bob Brown (not present), was to chair the event, but has not taken action
- Don recommends pushing the date back / rescheduling
- Don asked the status of the two foxes the club purchased last year. Rick does not think they were purchased.
- Karen will check records (club ledger and receipts) to determine if they were purchased, and if so, where they are. Karen owns one she purchased herself.

Point of Order: Don requested a brief discussion on meeting decorum.

- Those present have to give the person who has been recognized and has the floor, the courtesy of allowing that individual to complete their thoughts and to yield back to the president prior to any others speaking.

Fox Hunt discussion continued: Discussion regarding scheduling continued.

- Karen suggested doing two fox hunts annually and/or conducting two in one day (one in the morning / cooler hours; one later in the day)

Motion to postpone the Fox Hunt to a date to be determined, with an Executive Meeting Scheduled on Mon., May 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom: Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Karen Stewart

Bart requested to table the matter for now and put it on the agenda for the **May 4, 2026 Executive Meeting.**

May Breakfast Fundraiser scheduled for May 23, 2026:

- Larry has list of volunteers who are to do the cooking. Those individuals will obtain Food Handlers Cards. None are reported to have done so to date.
- **Breakfast Planning Meetings scheduled:**
 - **May 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom – Larry to provide agenda**
 - **May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Motion to have the club reimburse members who obtain their Food Handler's Certification from the proceeds of the breakfast fundraiser: Larry Watson; **Seconded:** Terry Smith and Don Pullens. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Breakfast Fundraiser Ticket Prices: Last year, ticket prices were **\$12.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for children.** Rick stated the club is looking to have all food items donated, keeping costs down.



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Rick requested a show of hands of those who would like ticket prices to increase to \$15.00 for adults. Rick then requested a show of hands of those who would like the prices to remain unchanged. The majority present voted to keep ticket prices the same.

Motion to keep Breakfast Fundraiser Ticket prices at \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children: Larry Watson; **Seconded:** Karen Stewart. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

All are encouraged to sell tickets.

Summer Field Day 2026: Discussion of possible locations, with suggestions including: Lake Perris, McSweeney Park (sprinklers are a problem); Valley Wide parks (no overnight stays), a local school or church.

- Jackie Harris volunteered to check into local schools and churches as possible locations and will report back.
- Bart asked if there are any Summer Field Day Planning meetings scheduled.
 - Yes, **Mon., April 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.**
- That is not enough time to identify and confirm a venue.

Motion to cancel the 2nd Breakfast Planning meeting on Mon., 05/18/26 and make it a Summer Field Day Planning Meeting: Larry Watson; **Seconded:** Terry Smith, Don Pullens. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

2026 Raffle Committee: Rick, Don, Larry and Bart will be on the committee. Discussion as to whether a formal meeting needs to be set, or if the committee can talk among themselves.

- Jackie asked if the Summer Field Day and Raffle topics can be covered in one meeting. Bart says that is too much.
- Rick suggested having the Raffle Committee meeting following the Field Day Planning Meeting – this will not work for all committee members.
- Don suggested the committee members work out the details (set ticket prices, choose raffle items...etc.), then bring a report to the board.
- Karen suggested putting the topic out to the general club membership to get input and suggestions as to what they would like to see raffled at Summer Field Day and Christmas Dinner.

Webhosting Reimbursement Invoicing: At the February 28, 2026 regular LDARC Board Meeting, the board agreed to reimburse Rick Gardner \$12.00 a month to offset the \$14.00 per month fee he pays to Blue Host. Karen has requested Rick and Candace provide monthly invoices. Candace would prefer to provide one annual invoice.

Motion to receive Quarterly Invoices and pay Quarterly Reimbursements to Rick for web hosting costs: Bart Herring; **Seconded:** Terry Smith. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Karen requests the March, April, May 2026 invoice at earliest convenience; then to continue quarterly.

New Business: Website update policy discussion

- Bart brought up having Board approval for new posts
- Duane can post items with Rick's approval
- Don suggested posts should be approved by the Board
- Emails with requests are ok – if any disagreement, the matter will become a Board Agenda item.
- Larry does not want to tie Duane's hands. Agreed upon meeting dates should be posted by Duane without any additional review or approval required.
- Jackie suggested selecting one or two members to review website post requests from non-board members and vet concerns with the Board

Motion that any new website informational posts will be vetted by the Board: Larry Watson; **Seconded:** Bart Herring and Terry Smith. Don Pullen opposed. Passed by majority.

Net Control: Rick, Don, Terry and Gary have stepped up to be net control for various nets. Due to recent events, it may be necessary to set a schedule for primary net control operators, with back-up net control operators identified.

- Bart will help on Saturday 80 meter nets.
- Terry wants to do net control once a month
- Don said let Gary, the net manager, manage the nets.
 - It was noted that Gary only wants to do the Roster net. He is not responsible for the other nets.
- Don resumed the floor and stated he still does not feel the net schedules are a board matter.
- Karen stated she understands the confusion – when she first joined the club there were only two nets.
- Terry started a simplex net with Rick's approval
- Larry would like net schedule (calendar from website) emailed to members
- Rick stated that he had updated Google calendar and all entries disappeared – not sure what happened
- Rick asked for a **volunteer** to be the **Club Net Manager**
 - Terry Smith is willing to volunteer
- Karen asked if we need to establish a new list of operators
- Rick stated yes, and we need to ensure Net control has sufficient equipment (base station) to operate reliably
- Bart stated we should have individuals assigned responsibility for each net



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- Rick stated we have been doing that informally – though nets have been cancelled due to net control being unavailable
 - 10 meter net is the 1st Tuesday of every month
 - 40 meter net is the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month
- Bart stated that Don started and managed the 80 meter net. Don established lists, which were changed after being submitted, put on the calendar and then it all got messed up
- Rick stated that Saturday night nets are challenging
- Bart asked if we should change the night
- Don asked what night and stated he stepped up to assist but then ended up doing a lot
- Terry stated that when it becomes a grind, people get burned out

Motion to move topic of Net Control and Net Schedules to next Meeting: Bart; **Seconded:** Duane. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Club Meeting Agendas: Rick could use some help. Don Suggests Rick reach out to Board members and Rick acknowledged the point.

Roundtable / Open Forum:

Jackie sent a memo last Tuesday, April 21, 2026, to all Board members regarding having more structured meeting agendas posted in advance of the meeting.

Don stated emails can be sent out in advance seeking input, goals can be set- such as for the breakfast fundraiser.

- Rick can blast the updated agenda to the group and lock down the agenda at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Agendas can be found on the website
 - There does not need to be an email sent for every update.
 - Don stated that is true – unless there is substantial information

Motion that meeting agendas should include more information under identified categories and be posted to the website at least 48 hours in advance of meeting dates: Karen Stewart; **Seconded:** Don Pullens. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Mary, recognized by chair, stated that:

- The Board Member information on the club website, under member login, “Board Members, Directors, Other Staff” needs to updated to reflect Terry Smith as the new director.
 - Duane stated he forgot about that table and will update it.

- Noted that Terry Smith was not announced at the last regular club meeting as the new director.
 - Don pointed out that it was announced on the roster net – which not all members participate in.

Larry Watson was recognized.

- He sent out a revised summary of Robert's Rules to the board to review and provide any suggested revisions. Would like to adopt an update.

Don stated he does not feel we need to follow Robert's Rules 100%, as it is intended for larger bodies. We need only what works for us.

Jackie Harris recognized. She stated today's meeting was a good example of better structure.

Candace Gardner recognized. Candace asked if Robert's Rules is adopted in the Club Constitution, doesn't the club need to follow it in order to keep non-profit status.

- Rick stated the non-profit status is not reliant on following Robert's Rules, or which version is followed.

Bart Herring recognized. Bart had a question on the documents Karen provided for his review. In March, \$20.00 went into the repeater fund. Where did that come from? Karen provided a response and Bart was satisfied.

It was noted that 50/50 disbursements now go to the General Fund, not the repeater fund.

It was suggested that time increments be added to club agenda topics to keep meetings on track.

Bart commented on testing.

- We (LDARC) support any ARRL testing site.
- There can be numerous testing sites.
- We can, and should, post testing information on the club website, as we are an ARRL affiliated club.
- The club should support VECs.

Karen commented on the club's post office box:

- Would like to move from the San Jacinto post office, where there have been repeated returns due to two zip codes which confuse San Bernardino sorting staff
- All club forms will need to be updated
- The change can be announced on the website and on all nets

Jackie requested to table the P. O. Box topic for additional discussion. None opposed. Item tabled.



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Duane stated the ***Post Office Box topic will be added to the next agenda.***

Duane brought up the breakfast time before the monthly Board meeting, stating the times are too far apart. He requested one or the other times be adjusted so there is less wait time in between.

Motion to move the regular Club Board Meeting time to 10:00 a.m. (instead of 11:00 a.m.):

Larry Watson; **Seconded:** Jackie and Terry. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m.: Bart Herring; **Seconded:** Duane and Jackie. None opposed.