Lee De Forest Amateur Radio Club

LDARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m., In-Person & by Zoom
J & M Family Restaurant, 1271 S. State St., Hemet, CA 92543

Call to Order/Welcome: 10:03 a.m. by President Rick Gardner (KN6RBP)

Present / Signed In:
Rick Gardner, President (KN6RBP)
Don Pullens, Vice President (N6DMP)
Mary Ortiz, Secretary (KO6GYP)
Larry Watson, Director (KN6PUR)
Bart Herring, Director (KM6JWS)
Jackie Harris, Director (KC7CBN)
Terry Smith, Director (K06ALP)
Rod McHenry (N6CG)
Bruce Jones (WA6STA)
Damon Jones (KI6HPV)
Arthur Endress (WD5GIE)
V. Brookes (K06JVD)

Attendees by Zoom:
Karen Stewart, Treasurer (KN6MJS)

Quorum Present.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Mary Ortiz (KO6GYP) read Minutes of the June 20, 2026 Board Meeting, as provided by Larry Watson.

Motion to accept Minutes for June 20, 2026: Bart Herring; **Seconded:** Jackie Harris. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Stewart provided a review of the Treasurer's Report for June 2026, by Zoom, as stated below:

MONTH	**June 2026**
BEGINNING BALANCE	$5,069.10
INCOME	$1,486.00
EXPENSES	$1,910.89
ENDING BALANCE	$4,644.21
REPEATER FUND	$1,826.00
GENERAL FUND	$2,818.21

Karen listed the following details:
- $496.00 ARRL Renewal fees received by club, then paid to ARRL
- $164.62 for T-Shirts
- $15.00 for ARRL Testing
- $15.00 to Memorial Funeral Services for utilities for club meetings
- $16.99 miscellaneous (secretary could not hear clearly)
- $1128.00 radios for raffle

Don Pullens questioned manner in which the ARRL renewal fees are documented and stated the report is wrong.

Jackie Harris stated that if the ARRL fees are collected by the club and recorded as income, the report is correct.

Karen Stewart stated the report should reflect the Club's bank statement, which it does. Karen stated she is done being treasurer. No action was taken on this statement.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report for June 2026: Larry Watson; **Seconded**: **None.**
No action taken; item is carried over to next Board Meeting.

Motion to Accept Meeting Agenda: Larry Watson; **Seconded:** Bart Herring.
None opposed. Passed unanimously.
Note: this will be the first agenda item for meetings going forward.

Old Business:

Net Managers/Admin: Nets synced with LDARC Calendar (only two not on calendar)

- Set Roundtable – Bart will submit
- ARES nets – Don is working on a schedule

Tabled.

Military net – Rod McHenry: states there are enough nets. Maybe once a month, dedicate a Tuesday regular net to a branch of the military.
Discussion re: Eagle net, digital net…etc.

Christmas Dinner – Menu Choices: Don Pullens. Don talked with the rep at 4 Seasons.

- They prefer/suggest we bring our own dessert (sheet cake from a licensed bakery)
- There is a $25.00 for the staff to serve the dessert we bring
- Family style dinner is too much work; the cook prefers a buffet style
- Entrees include: ham, turkey, sliced roast beef (not tri-tip), 2 vegetables, 2 starches, salads (green, Caesar or berries with feta cheese), dinner rolls or garlic bread.
- Rough draft / estimate for 70 people:
    - $32.00 x 70 people = $2,240.00
    - $25.00 to serve dessert
    - $198.00 tax
    - $407.00 for 18% gratuity
    - $59.50 napkins
    - TOTAL: $2,930.39
- $42.00 per person to cover all costs. Does not include cake/dessert.
- They will set up/take down
- There is a stage; ability to do a slide presentation

Christmas Dinner (continued):

- Arrive by 4:00 p.m., set up. Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
- We have 4 hours – have to be out by 8:00 p.m.

Terry wants an amendment to the raffle. Item put on hold.

Jackie commented on the Christmas dinner that after hearing all items, $45.00 per ticket would cover everything.

Motion to accept Christmas Dinner Menu as presented and set ticket prices at <u>$45.00 each</u>: Jackie Harris; **Seconded:** Terry Smith.
None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick said good job to Jackie for doing work on the menu. Karen has requested that she (Karen) not be the Chair Person for the Christmas Dinner Committee and nominates Jackie Harris.
Rick will put this on the agenda for the August meeting.

Spring Breakfast Fundraiser Reports and Review:

Motion to carry the Spring Breakfast Fundraiser Reports and Review over to the August Board Meeting: Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Terry Smith.
None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Lifetime Member topic was on the meeting agenda in error.

Veteran's net: Don Pullens stated the only input received was from Rod (see notes above).
Discussion:

- Rick likes dedicating a net once a month.
- Jackie states nets should be "radio" topics specific, though veterans stories are interesting. Likes the idea of once a month.
- Rick stated many nets have topics that are not specific to radio. Suggested that the 2nd Tuesday early net @ 6:00 p.m. (PST) could be dedicated to a Veteran's topic.
- Terry feels we may lose listeners. Discussed XYL net, misc. nets.
- Don would like to set a date to launch this and stated it needs to be promoted.

Motion that starting Tues., September 8, 2026, the early net will have a Veterans topic on the second Tuesday of each month: Larry Watson; **Seconded:** Don Pullens.
None opposed. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Proposal from Terry Smith: How the LDARC forms committees should follow by-laws.

- For each committee, committee members with contact information should be listed on the LDARC website.
- Art suggests this be behind the login (Members) section
- Terry suggests the vice president should run the committee meetings, or be on the committees.
- When the committee(s) achieve objectives, then report to the LDARC Board, which the takes action.
    - This is when the president has input.
    - Trying to relieve pressure from president and treasurer; relieve them from being on every committee.
- Rick suggests we put this into a structured document for review and input.
- Jackie stated that Terry Smith's email from June 2, 2026 covers the document Rick suggests.
- This requires a change to the club constitution. Rick stated he would not vote for it. The president must be present for committee meetings per his understanding.
- Don explained that appointed committees should do the work then make recommendations to the Board, including the President. The Board then makes decisions.
- Larry suggested the President be ex-officio for committees.

Motion that Terry Smith, Jackie Harris and Larry Watson form a committee, which Larry will Chair, to determine an amendment to the Club constitution regarding club committee composition. This committee's findings will be presented to the Board: Tabled / reworded.

Discussion:

- Committees should be open to general club membership.

Motion that Larry will present to the club for an Action Committee to formulate new committee requirements: Larry Watson; **Seconded:** Terry Smith.
None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Suggestion from KE6JGM to purchase Kraken System:

- Refer to email from Bob Brown dated July 12, 2026.
- Suggests buying a Kraken System to identify source of repeated interference to the Club's repeater.
- Significant financial cost (approximately $2,000.00).
- Rick states the Club Repeater Fund cannot be used for this purpose, as that is not what the club has designated the repeater fund for.

- Terry had questions about setting this up, where it would be kept, who would be designated to do the tracking…etc.?

- Rick explained it is a system that would triangulate the source of a signal causing interference. It can be portable, mounted on a vehicle.
- Art questioned how important this is to the Club.
- Bart asked if it is the Club's responsibility to identify the source of interference.
- It was noted that Bob Brown gave up his credentials as control operator for the Club Repeater.
  - Terry Smith stated he would volunteer to fill this role once he as more information, such as what equipment is needed.
- Larry stated there are services available through the FCC.

Motion to table the Kraken system topic to allow time to get more information prior to putting the topic on the next (or a future) agenda: Don Pullens; **Seconded:** Bart Herring. None opposed. Passed unanimously.

Website Progress Report: Rick sent a link to all RE: Special Event. "K6L" is already under the control of another amateur operator who needs to relinquish it for use.

- Rick requests all review the link/site and form.
- QSL cards may need to be fulfilled manually (both digital and hard copies).
- Larry noted that any donations that exceed the cost of items, the difference must be reported as income.
- Request that those who want physical (hard copy) QSL cards send the Club self-addressed, stamped envelopes ("SASE").
- Suggested this be limited to the first 200 who request it.
- No event coffee cups will be available to any participants outside of the Club.
- Rick will make changes discussed o the website.
- Larry suggested that Terry's name be forward facing to outside operators as the event creator.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:43 a.m.