**LRRA ANNUAL MEETING
10-22-16 Minutes**

Officers: Bob Ness, Interim President/Vice-President; Clayton Ferry, Treasurer; Sarah M Silk, Secretary

**I. Opening:**

Interim President/Vice-President, Bob Ness, KB1DLX, opened the meeting at 11:45 AM noting the following Past Presidents were attending: John Morrison, K1VPO; Dan Morgan, W1UR; Bob Carollo, NY1H; and himself. (34 members present)

**II. Secretary’s Report:**

Sarah M Silk, Secretary, read the Minutes from the 1-17-16 LRRA Meeting. There being no additions or amendments. John Gotthardt, K1UAF, made a motion to accept as written. Clayton Ferry, N1VAU, made a second and the Minutes were unanimously accepted. (Past Minutes posted on W1BST site.)

**III. Treasurer’s Report:**

Clayton Ferry, N1VAU, Treasurer, read his report: starting balance $1,929.51 (1-1-16) with current balance $1,777.12 (as of 10-20-16). He noted the ARRL insurance resulted in a savings of $130 for the club. (See details posted on W1BST site) With a motion by Sandy Percy, and a second by Bob Carollo, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented.

**IV. Technical Committee Report:**

Frank Hammond, W1WU, Committee Chair, introduced committee members present: Rick Zach, K1RJZ; Don Percy, W1DND; Jane Greer, W2REX; John Gotthardt, K1UAF; Dan Morgan, W1UR; Gary Johnson, K1ESJ; Lee Herterich. K1VZI; Clayton Ferry, N1VAU; Bob Ness, KB1DLX; Bill Ginther, KC1BMM; Bob CarolloNY1H; and Sam Sargent, N1OVA.

He thanked everyone in LRRA who had helped with donated time and funds to make improvements to the repeater site. The S-Com 7330 controller for all 3 RPTRs and control link provide FCC compliance. The duplexers are now wall-mounted. The 2000w inverter and 8 – 12v back-up batteries are shared with the fire department and charged by a Samlex100 amp rack mounted power supply (visible in the photos on the Tech Report printed by Lee Herterich, K1VZI and posted on the W1BST site)

He concluded by announcing he will be standing down as Chair of the Tech Committee and asked for question/comments..

Gary Johnson, K1ESJ, asked HAMs to check SWRs on their radios and report to the Committee.

There was a discussion regarding Frank and Jane Greer, W2REX, going to the factory near Angola to have the duplexer checked and tuned on an amazing $40,000 network analyzer. The frequency may be changed with a cost for: crystals, retuning, and some components that may need to be changed. (CA, FL, Ohio, NY use the same frequency.) Frank met last week at the HAM fest with 53.37 Hiram, ME and Litchfield, ME, 53.57. If issues arise, they will be looked into.

Don Percy, W1DND, thanked Frank for all his time and efforts with Frank responding that it was a team effort.

**V. President’s Presentation:**

Bob Ness, thanked the personnel at The Top of the Town for the meal and their facilities.

Bob Carollo, NY1H, retiring President, thanked everyone for their assistance during his shortened term (due to his move south) noting the great group efforts.

Bob Ness noted Bob Carollo was not just President, but led with an enthusiasm that made things happen at Field Day, and behind the scenes acquiring non-profit status for the Club, addressing liability insurance, organizing periodic breakfasts, and establishing an official LRRA Club presence at Near Fest. He made a motion with a second from Dan Morgan, W1UR, for lifetime membership for Bob Carollo. The motion passed and Bob Ness presented Bob Carollo with a lifetime membership name tag as a permanent memento of the LRRA.

Bob Carollo thanked everyone noting that he secured forms with Frank Hammond helping for the 501CIII status, Clayton Ferry assisting with insurance, and Dale Smith, KA5WHO, partnered twice annually at Near Fest. Rick Zach, K1RJZ, charged Bob with starting a monthly journal (like Mike Stone, N1VA) when he moves south.

**VI. Nominating Committee Report:**

Dan Morgan, W1UR, reported that the committee including himself, Dale Smith, KA5WHO, and Lee Herterich, K1VZI, polled members by email for a prospective President. The Committee nominates Clayton Ferry, N1VAU, for President and Jane Greer, W2REX, to fill the resulting Treasurer’s opening. Dan noted that Bob Ness, KB1DLX, would complete his term as Vice-President and Sarah Silk her term as Secretary.

There being no other nominations from the floor, Bob Carollo, NY1H, made a second and the slate of officers was unanimously voted in.

Clayton Ferry, N1VAU, thanked all for their vote of confidence. He reviewed challenges before the Club, 1st – a new Field Day location for June 2017. He thanked Dan and Mary Morgan for 20 years at their farm field. Second – to mount future repeater antennas, an engineer’s report will be required regarding snow load, etc.

**VII. Old Business:**

There was none.

**VIII. New Business:**

Clayton Ferry read a letter of thanks from July 4th Parade American Legion Grand Marshall, Harold Chamberlin thanking the Club for helping to stage the more than 2,000 parade marchers. Harold believes it was the largest number ever in the Wolfeboro parade.

Clayton Ferry reported that the Club also reports from the shore for the Lion’s Club Smith River Canoe Race with David Weiss, N1DOU, maritime mobile down the rapids with his hand-held.

John Gotthardt, K1UAF, announced Sat, 11-5-16, state-wide simulated Emergency Management test. He usually does Huggins Hospital station in Wolfeboro. He needs a volunteer for that station. Tuesday, 11-1-16, at 5:30 PM, there will be an organizing meeting prior to the Central NH Amateur Radio Club meeting in Gilford. He will notify Clayton of details who will send members an email blast.

Suggestions for a Field Day site were: Frank Hammond’s; Abenaki Ski Area (poor access to top of hill); The Nick field (cost?); Brewster Field (very high cost, no 501cIII break); Belknap Fair Ground (cost although no Porta Potties needed); Castle in the Clouds (CNHARC discontinued due to $600 cost). To be continued for June.

Clayton encouraged members to have accurate email address submitted as that is the primary means of contact. He asked about fusion interest with no responses.

Dan Morgan, W1UR, thanked the Secretary for the professional January Minutes.

**IX. Adjourn:**

Bob Ness, KB1DLX, made a motion to adjourn with a second from Jane Greer, W2REX.

With a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah M Silk, LRRA Secretary