

LAKE WALES RADIO AMATEURS
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2026

1. A regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President, Mike Lunsford, KB4FHP. The meeting location was at Lake Wales Fire Department Station 1, 253 W. Central Av., Lake Wales.
2. All club officers were present with a total of 38 persons in attendance (14 on Google Meets).
3. Vice President Dan Haslam, W5DBH, welcomed everyone, led the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted roll call.
4. Ron Rheude, W4ORH, provided information on an upcoming Winter Field Day event to be held at Lake Ashton. The event starts at 1100, 24 January and runs through 5 PM, 25 January. Get full details by contacting Ron or Tom Anderson, KA8JIL.
5. Gary Bishop, K4GHB, Club Treasurer presented the 2026 Budget. Dues for 2026 remain at \$24. Budget and dues were approved.
6. Gene Smith, WH6DNF, Club Secretary provided update on the Club's Post Card Marketing effort. Post cards are being mailed out and should be done with the mailing by next week. Special thanks to the following members for the effort on this project: John Thacker, KU8Q, Grant Burhans, W2BF, Russ Delaney, N4RTD, and Darrell Davis, KT4WX.
7. Mike Lunsford, KB4FHP, Club President, presented the "2026 State of the Club". The presentation can be seen on the LWRA-Lake Wales Repeater Association youtube channel. Mike concluded the presentation with the Club is going well thru the efforts of all the members.
8. This month's QRP event will be held on Saturday January 31 at Simmer-Young Park, 339 American Spirit Road, Winter Haven. This will be the club's annual "Ham and Beans". QRP starts at 9 AM and food starts around 12:00. Family invited.
9. Mike Green, AG4LT, Board Member, presented several ideas to think about new activities in 2026. Hand out new Baofeng HT's to newly passed Technicians; Linking repeaters, once or twice a year do a morning or afternoon meeting.
10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Submitted By Eugene Smith, Secretary