

Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Club meeting of May 16, 2018

1. President Sam Howard called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. The minutes from the meeting of April 18 were approved on a motion of Allan Tarbell and a seconded by Brad Berger.
3. Joyce Tarbell gave the Treasurers report and reported that we had \$64.00 in dues and donations during the month with no disbursements for a bank balance of \$800.03. There was a motion by Mike Wagner and a seconded by Brad Berger that the report be accepted and it passed.
4. The program for the evening was a discussion led by V.P. Juan Lopez about TLARC participation in Field Day which is **June 23rd and 24th**. The slides from the presentation are attached. The highlights are as follows:
 - Field Day this year will be held at the Loudon County Emergency Operations Center at 500 John Paris Drive, Loudon
 - Juan Lopez and David Weikert (Emergency Operations Coordinator for Loudon County ARES) have agreed to have TLARC and the Loudon County ARES group work together on Field Day this year
 - ARES made a \$40 donation towards Field Day expenses
 - Juan and David completed a site survey and decided on the layout for radio equipment and antennas
 - They recommend the entry category this year will be **"2F."** The "F" designation is reserved for clubs working from an EOC and the 2 means that two transmitters will count as the primary stations competing for points. We will have 2 additional transmitters that also count for points but not against the entry category.
 - With the layout configuration recommended, the group will be able to operate on 160-10 meter bands in the CW, SSB, and digital (PSK31, RTTY and FT8) modes. This should allow us to have additional contest points beyond what was earned last year.
 - The QSO goal for this year is 825 vs. 765 for last year.
 - Juan recommends that everyone that participates in Field Day should develop personal operating goals. They should try a different mode or band or perhaps handle official message traffic in a formal communication mode, just to experience something new in the hobby. He expressed that he would like to see participants become more **"Radioactive."**
 - The Club call **KN4DUA** will be activated for Field Day. The **GOTA** (Get On The Air) station will have an memorial call sign, which will be **WB4BSC** in memory of the father of the Tellico Village Director of Public Works, Jeff Gagley. He was instrumental in obtaining approval of the Tellico Village Repeater antenna site.
 - The field day roles and responsibilities are as follows:
 - HF station: Randy Kruszka
 - VHF station: Tim Montgomery
 - Power and Site Coordination: David Weikert

- T-shirt order: Joyce Tarbell
- GOTA station: Juan Lopez
- Media Officer: Joyce Tarbell
- Invitations: Brent Martin
- Safety Officer: Dale Stewart
- Additional roles will be assigned as the field plan continues to evolve.
- **Additional Information:**
 - The EOC will open at 10:00 a.m. We are still working on a method to get access through the gate. We will let everybody know how this will work before the event.
 - At 2pm, there will be a group photo. Everybody that purchased an ARRL tee shirt is encouraged to wear them for the picture. Joyce will be taking orders for the shirts for \$18. There was a link in last month's reminder where you can see pictures of the shirts.
 - The radio station installation work will start at 12:00 p.m.
 - Because the site is an EOC, it will not be open to the general public, primarily Club and ARES members and their families and friends.
 - The Club will provide burgers and hot dogs and members are encouraged to bring a side dish.
 - There will be testing for new licensees and upgrades at 11:00 a.m.
 - We will be sending out invitations to area hams that look like QSL cards.

There was a motion by Dale Stewart and seconded by Mike Wagner to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. resulting in the motion being passed. The Software Defined Radio presentation will be held at a later date.

Respectively submitted,

Brent Martin

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Secretary