

Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club

TLARC

Minutes of the November 28, 2018 Meeting

- The November meeting was called to order by President Sam Howard at 7:02 p.m. As is customary, we went around the room with introductions and heard attendees' names and call signs. There were 2 new TV residents at the meeting. They were David and Jeanette Andrews. We also welcomed back Barry Johnson (K8NWB). It was announced that we have 2 new VE's in the club. They are Tom Sullivan (W8MKL) and Tom Massingale (KD4STT). Congratulations to the two Toms.
- Sam reviewed the agenda and asked for any suggested revisions and hearing none, proceeded with the meeting.
- Sam called our attention to the announcements which were published in the agenda and also on the club website: www.tlarc.org
- Sam asked if there were any revisions or changes to the October 2018 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Mike Wagner made a motion and Michael Foley seconded it to approve them as written. The motion passed.
- President Howard requested a Treasurer's report and Treasurer Joyce Tarbell reported that the Club has **\$857.65** in the checking account. Allan Tarbell called for acceptance of the report by acclimation and it passed. Remember to pay your 2019 dues.
- At the October meeting, President Howard had announced the nominated candidates for 2019. The candidates announced were: Juan Lopez (AC6ZM) for President, David Schoenherr for V.P. and Program chairman, Brad Berger (KM4OKJ) for Treasurer and Angela Montgomery (N4RPR) for Secretary. After calling for nominations from the floor and hearing none, Sam called for the vote. All of the candidates were elected by acclimation.

Old Business

- Joyce Tarbell reported on her discussions with the Country Kinfolk restaurant in regard to the menu and cost of our post-holiday party proposed for January 12, 2019. Last year we had a limited selection of items on a fixed menu for \$17/person. This year they are proposing a larger selection of regular menu items at various higher prices. The consensus was that we should contact some other restaurants in area to see if there was a less expensive option. Joyce agreed to undertake a search so the January 12th date for the party might change depending on the availability of other venues.
- Juan and George reported on the Asheville Radio Museum trip. It was attended by 13 Club members. Juan and Sam drove a rented bus to and from Asheville which was very nice for the rest of us. The museum is housed at the **Asheville-Buncom Technical Community College** and was packed with many interesting ham related hardware items. Juan had arranged for a tour for us by a very knowledgeable college instructor. He reviewed many of the pieces of gear with us including some from the turn of the century. One of the pieces was a mechanical Morse code decoder which still works from the 1880's. They also had a working spark generator transmitter on display.
- Juan mentioned that the application and data for "HamClubOnline" has been submitted. When this system is installed, it will handle many of the routine administrative tasks for the club. It will be finished in January when the new club officers take over.

- Our next regular meeting is scheduled for **December 19, 2018**. The program for the evening is **“Disaster Deployment Amateur Radio”**. Future V.P. and Program Chm. David Schoenherr (KN4LMM) is looking for suggestions and topics of interest to the group for future meetings in 2019. If you have ideas or suggestions please contact David at dschoenherr1@gmail.com
- The business meeting was adjourned.
- **The program for the evening was by V.P. Juan Lopez and George Heron** reviewing some of the activities and awards the club had earned for the year. A summary for the year would be that it was a successful year as all the points for contests were up versus last year. That data and some of the club activities are posted on the club website at www.TLARC.org for your review. George reviewed some of the new club activities like the **“TLARC Field Nuts”** which is a group in the club interested in portable field operations. So far, they have operated successfully on the trip to Asheville and at the Loudon dam overlook in Lenoir City. There are also pictures of some of their adventures on the website. The activities planned for January will be at Fort Loudon in Vonore and the Turkey Creek overlook **(2,630 FASL)** on the **Cherohala Skyway** in Tellico Plains. There is also interesting information on the website about 3 of the antennas the TLARC Field Nuts deployed recently including detailed information on how to construct them. There also is a club **calendar** on the website showing all the activities for December 2018 and early 2019.
- George Heron proposed to have a workshop to build a shack accessory kit which he passed around for attendees to look at. It is a compact device that shows time in 2 time zones, the temperature, gps coordinates, maidenhead grid coordinates, has a reference freq. generator, etc. No date has been set for that workshop. The kit would cost \$25. Members participating in the workshop will be instructed on how to assemble and solder the parts together.
- If you have any additions or corrections to the minutes, please let me know. (856-7477)

Respectfully submitted, Brent Martin, Secretary