

December 19, 2018 Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and was followed by the roll call.
- President Sam Howard (KV4XY) asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda and hearing none, Sam proceeded through the agenda. The motion to accept the agenda was made by Tim Montgomery (KE4OTZ) and seconded by Michael Foley (K4MJF).
- Since there was a speaker for the evening, to speed things up, Sam did a cursory review of the **announcements which are also posted on the website at WWW.TLARC.org**
- The minutes for the November 28th meeting were approved as submitted by acclamation.
- Joyce Tarbell (K1JAT) gave the Treasurers report and said that we have \$1013.65 in the banking account. Joyce said 13 people have paid their 2019 dues since the last meeting. If you have not yet paid your 2019 dues, please do so.
- There was a brief review of **Old Business**
 - * Tim Montgomery gave a brief review of our participation with ARES on the **Run LOCO** event held on December 1st. Tim said there were 14 active check points with operators from ARES and TLARC supplying communications over the entire course. There were problems with the primary repeater so we switched to the backup repeater which operated flawlessly thanks to Allan Tarbell (K1AT). Other than that, the radio communication worked very well. Tim reported that many of the runners made very positive comments about the course, the people helping on the course and they indicated that they will return in the future. Tim has asked those of us who worked on the event for comments and suggestions for future events. There was a nice article about the event in the Lenoir City News Herald.
 - * Sam asked for a report from the **Audit Team** consisting of Mike Wagner (KK60KU) and Michael Foley (K4MJF). They reported that they had finished their audit and the bank account and books were in good order, with no suggestions for changes. Thanks to Joyce Tarbell for her good work as Treasurer throughout the year.
 - * There was a discussion about the upcoming Post-Holiday dinner. After 4 votes, it was decided it would be a buffet and be held January 19, 2019 at 5:30 at the Classico Restaurant at a cost of \$16 plus tax and tip. Classicos is located at 202 Village Square, Loudon. Thanks to Joyce again for all her work on this event. She has sent out an email with all the details.
 - * No additional information about **HamClubOnline**. It will be discussed at a future meeting.
 - * Because of the time, there was no further discussion about the **Clock Kit Project**. George Heron (N2APB) will review it at a future meeting.
 - * Sam thanked the **outgoing Officers** consisting of himself, President: Juan Lopez (AC6ZM) Vice President and Program Chairman: Joyce Tarbell, Treasurer: and Brent Martin, Secretary for their service to TLARC.
 - * Sam recognized the **incoming 2019 officers** consisting of Juan Lopez, President, and Dave Schoenherr (KN4LMM) Vice President and Program Chairman, Brad Berger (KM4OJK) Treasurer, and Angela Montgomery (N4RPR), Secretary.

* There was a brief discussion about Club liability insurance. The question is should we buy ARRL insurance (or other insurance) for the year to cover all club events or do as we did this year which was to buy coverage on an individual event basis. Should we look into incorporating? The issue was tabled for a future discussion after further research of the alternatives.

- New Business

- * Sam mentioned that we are in the process of **updating the Club roster**. Since the club meeting, a question has come up if addresses and phone numbers should be included on the roster since there is a potential danger of the information being hacked. The subject will be an agenda item at the January meeting to see how the membership feels about this issue.

- ***The next Club meeting will be January 16th** at the Rec Center at 7:00 p.m. Be thinking about future topics you would be interested in.

- * Sam mentioned that the budget in the agenda was a **draft of the 2018 budget** to use as a start in the planning process for the 2019 budget by the new officers and membership at the January meeting.

- * The Business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

- The presentation for the evening was by **Cody Anderson (K4ZXT)** who is a volunteer with **Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR)**. Cody is an EMT and RN in Roane County and was asked to go to Kinston, North Carolina to help with the recovery after Hurricane Florence came ashore. Cody had packed his vehicle with radio equipment, a generator, food and water in the expectation that the infrastructure would be damaged and need radio communication. As it turned out, because of the topography of the area and the weather, the storm damage was more from flooding than wind, so there was still some local power and water available. The local disaster relief organizations had put together a local area wifi and internet based network using plug-in equipment and a trailer that had antennas on it that would work to gain the usage of available area wifi facilities. The network allowed the use of cell phones so there wasn't much need for the radio equipment. Cody ended up working on power distribution projects, taking care of generators, unloading trucks, meal preparation and some medical work. Perhaps amateur radio based organizations need to reassess what equipment in addition to radios may be needed to utilize cell phones to facilitate the communication process.

- The meeting was over at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brent Martin, Secretary