

Minutes of the August 15, 2018 Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Old Business

Vice President Juan Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:09 with 14 members present. Secretary Brent Martin reviewed the Treasurers report, which had previously been sent out to all members by Treasurer Joyce Tarbell. The beginning balance was \$817 and the ending balance was \$813. Brad Berger made a motion to accept the report, Mike Wagner seconded the motion and it was passed.

- Vice President asked if there were any revisions to the July minutes and there were none. Larry Todd made a motion that they be accepted and Mike Henry seconded it and it passed.
- The original agenda included a review of the membership **Field Day Survey**. Because the attendance was low, V.P. Lopez decided to postpone the review until a better attended meeting.

New Business

- There has been a discussion by the officers about the possibility of holding **the voting for next year's officers by electronic means through online e-voting**. The constitution talks about the vote being "by all members present", so it would take a change in the constitution to do the election without all members present. The intention was to have a discussion about the issue, but again, since the attendance was low, V.P. Lopez decided to put the discussion off until a better attended meeting.
- In September, we are looking into the possibility of visiting a **Radio Museum** in Ashville, North Carolina that features amateur radio equipment. The tentative schedule would be to have breakfast, van or carpool to the museum in the morning, visit the facility, have lunch and return in the afternoon.
- V.P. Lopez is looking into the possibility of utilizing an online program that would handle most of the clubs administrative tasks online to see if it would be appropriate for the club's use.
- V.P. Lopez discussed past contesting results and upcoming contests:
 - **TN QSO Party: runs Sept 2nd from 1400-2300 EST**. Juan volunteered his shack for anybody who would like to participate in the contest from his QTH under the club callsign (KN4DUA). All members are encouraged to participate from their own QTH or mobile. Submit their logs to Juan for entry into the contest manager. Contact V.P. Lopez for more information.
 - Last December, club members (Brad, Juan, Randy, Sam, and David) participated in the **ARRL 160-meter contest** from the cozy acres location. We placed **9th in the U.S.** and **Canada** in the multi-operator low power category. We had contacts in 42 states and a few DX stations.
 - We also participated in the RTTY (Radio teletype) Roundup Contest from Juan's shack and **we placed 2nd in the Region and in the top 10 in the country**.
- Next month will be the **nomination of officers** for 2019, so be thinking about which office you would like to run for or nominate another member for office.
- Tim Montgomery mentioned that we have been asked to supply communication assistance for a **26 mile run** on December 1st. He will coordinate but is looking for volunteers who can work that day. He will get an email out with all the particulars.

It was too bad the attendance was down as Mike Henry (KM4H) gave a very entertaining presentation about being on a rare DXCC island (Minami Tori-shima) in the middle of the Pacific Ocean in 1981. He

talked about its history as a "Guano Island" in the 1800's and as a part of WWII as well as their radio operation while they were there. Brent is attaching a copy of Mike's slides to all members and I would encourage everybody to look at them. It is a large file though and some of the email systems might not be able to handle it. They are interesting, fun and entertaining. The contrast between what he and one other ham did in 1981 with today's DXCC Expeditions is quite remarkable. They ended up with **10,000 QSO's in 6 days** which is about 3/minute using a marginal station setup.

Respectfully submitted,

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