

TELLICO LAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2021

The 2021 TLARC Holiday Party/Dinner and December General Meeting were held at Grain Bin Commodities (GBC) in Sweetwater. Some 32 members, spouses, and friends attended and enjoyed a wonderfully prepared meal. We were even treated to a Starlink flyover, courtesy of Elon Musk and Space X, and an after-meeting campfire by the GBC staff! Thank you to the folks at GBC and VP Mike Foley K4MJF for executing and planning this great event. Merry Christmas, everyone!

President Mike Wagner KK6OKU called the meeting to order at 1843 EST. The meeting began with introductions from all member participants and guests. Total attendance was 32 persons – 25 members and 7 guests.

Vice President's Report – Presented by Vice President Mike Foley K4MJF

- Mike K4MJF thanked everyone for attending the dinner/meeting and for everything they have done in support of TLARC throughout the year. He stated that without this support events like the Club Holiday Party would not be possible and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Treasurer George Sifnotis WB9TFR

- The current TLARC account balance is \$3,393.15 – \$2,643.15 in the General Fund and \$750.00 in the Repeater Fund. The November 2021 beginning balance was \$3,340.13. There were \$53.02 in deposits (two membership dues for \$40.00 and \$13.02 from Amazon Smile) and \$0.00 in expenses during this reporting period.
- The Treasurer's Report reflecting these numbers was read without comment or objection.

Secretary's Report – Presented by Secretary Chuck Ferguson N4CSF

- The draft November 17, 2021, minutes were distributed for review on Groups.io. Allan Tarbell K1AT stated the minutes looked good, and no further comments were offered.
- Robin Monserrat KO4PNC moved to approve the minutes, and Mike Foley K4MJF seconded. The motion carried.
- 2022 TLARC Dues: Membership dues should be submitted no later than January 31, 2022, per the TLARC By-Laws. Please see George WB9TFR or Chuck N4CSF to ensure you pay your dues on time. In accordance with the By-Laws, any members that haven't renewed their dues as of February 1 will be declared inactive and lose their voting privileges.
- There currently are 69 paid-up members on the active TLARC roster, including two new members and four 2022 dues renewals to date. Chuck N4CSF presented the two new members – Bob Wilson KK4XA (current SMARC President) and Daniel Kreshak KO4AQI – and welcomed them to TLARC.
- Administrative Items: Please sign the provided meeting attendance sheet. Also, please advise if you aren't receiving TLARC Groups.io e-mail traffic so we can invite you to the group.

President's Report – Presented by President Mike Wagner KK6OKU

- End-of-Year Treasury Audit: Mike KK6OKU stated that TLARC is a community support entity and encouraged members to step up and do their part in 2022 to support the Club Admin Team. He requested two volunteers to run the 2021 Financial Review process. John Kiley KB4TV and Brad Berger KM4OJK were appointed to spearhead this effort. An end-of year report will be provided to the membership at the January 19, 2022, General Meeting.
- Net Control: Mike KK6OKU thanked Robin Monserrat KO4PNC for stepping up as the new Committee chair. Please contact Robin and volunteer to be Net Control Station and/or Logger. Doing so will help you develop operator skills that can serve you well during emergency operations. David Weikert KF4DKW can set you up with the necessary Logger software program.
- TLARC Test Session: The test session is scheduled for December 8, 2021, 1800-2000 EST, at Chota Recreation Center, Conference Room D. The exam cost is \$10, and checks are payable to the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society (WCARS). The funds are needed to cover the required WCARS fees. If you don't pass the exam, your payment will be refunded. There are two test candidates, and Mike KK6OKU encouraged others to sign up.
- Administrative Transition: We had a very productive 2021. Executive Officer handoff will occur between the 2021 and 2022 Admin Teams in early-January 2022. Club initiatives being transferred to the 2022 Administration include: (1) pro-rating Club membership dues, (2) considering a proposed TLARC HF operating facility adjacent to the Club repeater at the Tellico Village water tower, (3) procuring a central Club post-office box, and (4) appointing committee chairs.

Sharing/Training Session

- No Sharing Session was presented.

Repeater Committee Chair's Report – Presented by David Weikert KF4DKW

- Several TLARC members provided support to the Loudon County Run LoCo Marathon/Half Marathon on the morning of December 4, 2021. Concurrently with this, TLARC conducted a simulated total power failure test at the Club repeater site. The 442.100 MHz repeater ran the entire 6-hour race period on backup power, and the resultant power supply voltage was 12.45V at the conclusion of the event.

Website Committee Chair's Report – Presented by Jeff Buffington N4POD

- There are no known website "hiccups" to date. Jeff N4POD is working on updates, including the addition of a survey concerning consideration of a new Club HF operating facility in Tellico Village. He indicated the survey would be uploaded in the next day or so and asked users to contact him if they run into any issues while using the website.

Net Committee Chair's Report – Presented by Robin Monserrat KO4PNC

- Robin KO4PNC restated the need for new volunteers to run Net Control and Logger. She advised she is developing the schedule for 1st Quarter 2022 and advocated for how valuable and fun participating in these functions can be.

Club HF Operating Facility Committee Chair's Report – Presented by Ted Goodhue W1EG

- No Committee business was reported.

Events Coordinator Committee Chair's Report – Presented by Jeff Buffington N4POD

- No Committee business was reported. The committee has not yet convened its first meeting.

PIO Committee Chair's Report – Presented by Mike McMillan KD9DCW

- No Committee business was reported.

Old Business

- Run LoCo Marathon/Half-Marathon, December 4, 2021, 0730-1400 EST: Tim Montgomery N4TLM thanked all TLARC volunteers that supported the event and recognized Mike Wagner KK6OKU for a great job working as Net Control. There were no major communications problems, and the 442.100 MHz repeater performed well. There will be more service opportunities for future community events. Please don't hesitate to step up. Newcomers can be paired off with more experienced operators to help them learn about our communications support roles. These are great learning and serving opportunities. Mike KK6OKU recognized Ben Poff KN4VIF for filling in as backup Race Net Control and doing a phenomenal job.

New Business

- Mike Wagner KK6OKU provided the outgoing President's remarks. He acknowledged and thanked the 2021 TLARC officers for their steadfast assistance and hard work throughout the year. He thanked the Committee Chairs, volunteers, and membership for their dedication and support, which he deemed vital to the Club and its operation. Without these combined efforts, there would be no extracurricular events, public exposure for TLARC and Amateur Radio, or energy to execute the tasks at hand. He stated it has been his pleasure to serve the Club membership and thanked everyone for the trust and honor bestowed on him this year. Unicorn, OUT!!!!
- Randy Kruszka WK9M stated this is his last official meeting with TLARC. This is because of his relocation to Crossville, TN.

Adjournment

- President Mike Wagner KK6OKU adjourned the meeting at 1902 EST.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Ferguson N4CSF, TLARC Secretary.

DRAFT MINUTES PRESENTED AND ACCEPTED WITHOUT REVISION AT THE JANUARY 19, 2022, MONTHLY MEETING. //CSF