

Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Meeting

April 18, 2018

1. The meeting was opened at 6:49 by President Sam Howard who returned from medical leave. Everyone was glad to see him back and looking good. The meeting was held in the Thai Bistro's meeting room.
2. The **minutes** from March 21 were approved with a correction to paragraph 10 which had to do with repairs to a member's theater group's intercom. The correct name of the person making the request in the paragraph should have been David Schoenherr. Mike Wagner commented that he had looked at their intercom system and recommends it be replaced by a new duplexed intercom system. Sam Howard made a motion and Joyce Tarbell seconded it to accept the minutes with the correction. It was passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Joyce Tarbell reported the beginning balance was \$724.03 and she had received dues payments of \$12 making the ending balance \$736.03. A motion was made and seconded and it was voted to accept her report.
4. **VP Report** VP Juan Lopez mentioned that April 18th was world radio day and encouraged everybody to get on the radio and make at least one QSO during the day. Juan also mentioned that he is still working with the Wellness Center at Tellico Village as a potential location for **Field Day which is June 23 and 24th**. They are working on what staffing is required for us to be there all night. We have "plan B" which would be in the Loudon County EOC if it can't be worked out. Mike Wagner also mentioned we have "**plan C**" if necessary. That would be to set up our equipment in a trailer that he has that is empty. However it's for sale and if it sells between now and then, it won't be available.
5. **Presidents comments** Sam mentioned that the **Friends of the Smokies** are trying to raise \$ 1.25 million to go towards a total expenditure of \$2.5 million to improve the interoperability of the radios of the various emergency services in the Smokies. A knowledgeable ham has told KV4XY that the actual cost could approach \$3 million. This was a major problem during the Gatlinburg fire where one emergency service was having problems communicating with other critical agencies. If you interested or want to donate, go to **Friends of the Smokies.Org** for more complete information. Details of the radio project can be found at <https://friendsofthesmokies.org/product/radio>
6. Under **Old Business**, Joyce mentioned we have a **new V.E.** as **Brad Berger** has been approved as by WCARS as an additional VE which will allow him to administer the various licensing tests. She also mentioned that two people passed their Technician tests. They are: **David Schoenherr KN4LMM and Bill Cowan KN4LMN**. In addition, **Mike Wagner KK6OKU** has been upgraded to General class. Mike also received a radio

from V.P. Juan Lopez. Joyce also mentioned that on **May 5th at 9:00** there will be **another test session.**

7. **Mrs. Elizabeth Wexler** donated some ham equipment from her late husband for us to make available to members of the club. David Weikert checked out 2 of the radios and reprogrammed them for the ham frequencies and replaced the batteries. They were awarded to our newest hams (see paragraph 6). We will send her a note acknowledging her gift.
8. On a motion by Joyce Tarbell and a second by Allan Tarbell the business meeting was adjourned at 7:06.

9. Program

The program for the evening was a presentation by member Mike Henry, KM4H about earning **the DXCC Honor Award** which is the highest award given by ARRL for DXCC accomplishments. You must have written proof by 331 entities to be on the Honor Roll and Mike is only **one of 10 in the world to have earned a spot in the top 10 having worked all 340 entities worldwide.**

Mike has been a ham since 1964 but really got serious about contesting and competing at this level since 1991. He said he has worked all modes and various ham activities but keeps coming back to DX as his favorite. Mostly it takes patience, perseverance and time on the air on all bands over an extended period of time. His slides are attached and are not proprietary. Mike said we could use them as we see fit.

Submitted by Brent Martin, Secretary