

TELLICO LAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2019

President Juan Lopez, AC6ZM called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Tellico Village Chota Recreation Center. Introductions were made of the 16 individuals in attendance.

President's Report

- We had nine operators participate in the 2019 CQ WPX RTTY Contest, held on Feb 9-10. We tripled our score over last year, when we ranked first in TN.
- We participated in the ARRL International DX Contest (CW) with 299 countries contacted; we ranked 5th in TN.
- The budget proposed by Juan for 2019 is attached to the end of these minutes. An appreciation plaque will be purchased and presented to the local Emergency Management Agency Director at the April meeting. The budget includes a \$210 net surplus for the year. ARRL Field Day shirts are not part of the core budget as these items are paid for by individuals. Sam Howard, KV4XY made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Allan Tarbell, K1AT. Motion carried.
- The club officers investigated the viability of using HamClubOnline. It was determined to be not very efficient for our club at this time, so the project has been shelved for future consideration.

Vice President's Report

- David, KN4LMM is looking for members interested in making a presentation of interest to the club at our March, August, September, and October meetings. Contact our esteemed VP if you're willing to step up.

Treasurer's Report

- Brad, KM4OJK reported the checking account balance stands at \$1132.65 with no outstanding debts. Balance increased by \$12 from last month. An additional \$24 was received this evening. Sam Howard, KV4XY made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Allan Tarbell, K1AT. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

- The President asked if there were any changes to the January meeting minutes. Hearing none, Sam Howard, KV4XY made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Brent Martin, K4BNN. Motion carried.

Old Business

- George Heron, N2APB plans on hosting a Club Workshop (to build a simple, yet multi-use GPS Clock kit) with a tentative date of April 6th. Watch for an announcement to order your kit, which is expected to cost \$25.00.

- KN4DUA is now member # 9836 of the North American QRP CW Club (NAQCC). Check out their website at www.naqcc.info .
- George Heron, N2APB provided details of his participation in the winter FYBO Winter Field Day.
- George Heron, N2APB spoke of recent enhancements to the club website www.tlarc.org, including a window displaying local weather conditions, past meeting info, and a future 'for sale' page.
- Anyone interested in starting a club activities committee should reach out to VP Dave KN4LMM for more information.
- The club has been offered two towers. The first is a 70' Rohn 25, reportedly in good condition and still pointed to the sky. The second is a 66' Easyway Tiltover crank up and includes some antennas. This antenna is in storage. This led to a discussion of possible uses by the club. Potential sites included Cozy Acres or the water tower area in Tellico Village. These discussions will be continued at a later meeting.

New Business

- The CQ WW SSB contest is later this year. Contact Juan if interested in participating.
- The 2019 North American QSO Party (RTTY) and the NC and SC QSO Parties are this weekend (Feb 23-24). Contact Juan if interested in participating.
- The Dalton Hamfest will be held on February 23.
- The Charlotte Hamfest will be held on March 8-9. See www.charlottehamfest.org for more info.
- The Sevier County Hamfest will be held on March 30. See www.seviercountys.org/hamfest/ for details.
- A brief discussion was held regarding club liability insurance and the possibility of incorporating the club. Discussion was tabled for a future date.
- A membership survey intended to better serve the club members will be sent shortly via email and snail mail. Please complete and return the survey promptly. We are looking for a volunteer to boil down the survey results and report the findings; contact the club treasurer or secretary if interested.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM on a motion by Brad Berger, KM4OJK and seconded by George Heron, N2APB. Motion carried.

The program for the evening was presented by David Andrews N1ESK. The topic was a review of David's recent visit to HamCation 2019 in Orlando, FL. The slides of the presentation will be posted on the [TLARC website](http://www.tlarc.org).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Andrews, N1ESK, TLARC Secretary

TLARC 2019 Proposed Budget

Income	Total	Fee	QTY	Paid
Dues	\$480.00	\$12.00	40	25
Donations	\$60.00			
Expenses				
Field Day	\$75.00			
Insurance	\$115.00			
Flyers	\$60.00			
Post Cards/QSL	\$25.00			
Postage	\$35.00	\$0.35	100	
Website Admin	\$0.00	\$10.00	12	
EOC Plaque	\$20.00			
Net Income	\$210.00			

Additional Note:

Field Day shirts	\$180.00	\$18.00	10
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