

**TELLICO LAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 26, 2021**

President Mike Wagner KK6OKU called the meeting to order at 1240 EDT. There were 26 participants, including 4 guests.

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

- ARRL Field Day begins at 1400 EDT.
- Welcome to our newest TLARC members Jim Bottenhorn W4GRH (General), Kurt Nitzsche KC4EWI (General), Lisa Klein W8LDK (General), and Gunther Stoltz AK4OC (Extra).
- The East Tennessee Hamfest is set for 25 Sep 21 at the Sevier County Fairgrounds. Gates open 0700 EDT for this all-day event, rain or shine. Visit [www.easttennesseehamfest.com](http://www.easttennesseehamfest.com) for more details.
- The Original 13 Colonies Special Event is scheduled for 1 Jul 21 (0900 EDT) through 7 Jul 21 (midnight EDT). There are three bonus event stations this year in Pennsylvania, Great Britain, and France. Visit [www.13colonies.us](http://www.13colonies.us) for more details.
- Please note first contacts for new Ham licensees. The ARRL acknowledges first-time amateur radio contacts with a frame-worthy certificate of recognition.

**Treasurer's Report** – Presented by Chuck Ferguson N4CSF for Treasurer George Sifnotis WB9TFR

- The current TLARC checking account balance is \$2,312.38. The end-May 2021 balance was \$1,515.38. Monthly receipts totaled \$797.00 (\$750 Entergy Grant, \$40 member dues, \$5 Amazon Smile credit, and \$2 name tags) and expenses \$0.00.
- David Schoenherr KN4LMM moved to approve the report, and Ben Poff KN4VIF seconded. The motion carried.

**Secretary's Report** – Presented by Secretary Chuck Ferguson N4CSF

- Draft minutes of the 19 May 21 in-person meeting were distributed the week of 21 Jun 21. No revisions were received, and the minutes were submitted for TLARC approval.
- Sam Howard KV4XY moved to approve the minutes, and Michael Foley K4MJF seconded. The motion carried.
- There currently are 57 paid-up members on the active TLARC roster.
- Please make sure you sign the provided meeting attendance sheet. Also, please sign the separate Field Day sign-in sheets to record your participation.
- Please advise Chuck Ferguson N4CSF if you're not receiving TLARC messages via Groups.io, and we will invite you to join the distribution.
- Committee Chairs, please prepare and submit your 2021-2022 budgets to Treasurer George Sifnotis WB9TFR in time to be considered at the 21 Jul 21 General Meeting.

**President's Report** – Presented by President Mike Wagner KK6OKU

- Membership By-Laws Update – We proposed revisions to the Membership Section of the Club By-Laws at the 19 May 21 meeting, with the intent to vote on their approval today. The proposed

updates will clarify annual dues requirements for members, family members, minors, and lifetime members without specifying actual dollar amounts. Sam Howard KV4XY moved to approve the updates, and Michael Foley K4MJF seconded. The motion carried.

- There was lots of preparatory work in advance of Field Day. Mike Wagner KK6OKU recognized David Weikert KF4DKW for his outstanding support.
- Field Day operations begin at 1400 EDT. Use all bands and modes, including CW (POC: Randy Kruszka WK9M) FT4/FT8 digital (POC: Jeff Buffington N4POD). The CW mode will be decoded by a keyer/decoder (a good option is the 464). So you do not have to be a free keyer to operate the CW station. Also, Randy Kruszka can assist with any decoding issues. Take advantage of the CW operation opportunity if you haven't done so before. It is like speaking a different language. Field Day is a contest, but our focus is on learning and having fun.
- Thank you to the anonymous donor of Ham equipment totaling an estimated value of \$400. (**NOTE:** Since Treasurer George Sifnotis WB9TFR was unable to attend the 26 Jun 21 meeting, the donation was not recorded until July 2021.)
- Club Survey – There were 25 member responses. There are lots of smart, experienced people in the Club with considerable brand equipment expertise! Please reach out to them. Our motto is “Hams Helping Hams”.
- Field Day Media Relations – We anticipate a WATE-6 team will visit and observe the GCA Field Day operations. Please refer any questions to PIO Mike McMillan KD9DCW or President Mike Wagner KK6OKU.

**Committee Chair Reports** – No committee chair reports were presented in observance of Field Day operations.

### **Old Business**

- No Old Business was discussed.

### **New Business**

- No New Business was discussed.

### **Sharing/Training Session**

- Field Day operations replaced the Sharing/Training portion of the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

- President Mike Wagner KK6OKU adjourned the meeting at 1330 EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Ferguson N4CSF, TLARC Secretary.