

**TELLICO LAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 21, 2021**

President Mike Wagner KK6OKU called the meeting to order at 1800 EDT at Z Fish House in Loudon. There were 26 participants, including 5 guests.

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

- ARRL Field Day was a great turnout for the Club...lots of food, smiling faces, and contacts.
- The Original 13 Colonies special event is in the books and was lots of fun. There were multiple clean sweeps among members. Hope everyone had the chance to get a mug and/or QSL card.
- Huntsville Hamfest is right around the corner. Hopefully, we'll see you there. Don't forget to wear your TLARC t-shirt to represent the Club.
- The Route 66 special event is scheduled for 11-16 Sep 21.
- Welcome to our newest TLARC members Rob Deyo K4MBZ (Extra), Barry Johnson K8NWB (General), Rob Howard WW4WTF (General), David McDonald KC4YVV (Extra), John Borichevsky N1TOX (Extra), Doug Harrill KN4RYB (Technician), and Tim Bailey AA3TN (Extra).
- Don't forget the East Tennessee Hamfest, which is set for 25 Sep 21 at the Sevier County Fairgrounds. Gates open 7:00am EDT for this all-day event, rain or shine. There will be a flea market and boneyard. Visit [www.easttennesseehamfest.com](http://www.easttennesseehamfest.com) for more details.

**Treasurer's Report** – Presented by Treasurer George Sifnotis WB9TFR

- The current TLARC checking account balance is \$3,374.13. The May 2021 beginning balance was \$2,312.13. We are working to resolve a \$0.25 discrepancy on the starting amount. Monthly receipts totaled \$1,062.00 (\$500 lifetime membership David Andrews N1ESK, \$400 equipment donation, \$160 member dues, and \$2 name tags) and expenses \$0.00.
- Chuck Ferguson N4CSF moved to approve the report, and Michael Foley K4MJF seconded. The motion carried.

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

- Draft minutes of the 26 Jun 21 in-person meeting were distributed the week of 18 Jul 21. Comments received resulted in updates to President's wording about CW decoding gear for Field Day. The revised minutes were submitted for TLARC approval.
- Michael Foley K4MJF moved to approve the minutes, and Mike McMillan KD9DCW seconded. The motion carried.
- There currently are 63 paid-up members on the active TLARC roster, with the addition of Tim Bailey AA3TN.
- Administrative Items: Please sign the provided meeting attendance sheet, and see the Secretary if you haven't yet received a receipt for your 2020 Club dues. 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

- The 2021-2022 TLARC budget draft is ready. We are looking at a \$3,400 total budget! Thank you to the Committee Chairs for their work on this. More details will follow as we move closer to Club consideration and approval of the budget.
- Congratulations to our first TLARC Lifetime Member, David Andrews N1ESK. David paid his \$500 lifetime dues in accordance with our newly revised By-Laws requirements for Club Membership.
- Jeff Buffington N4POD is replacing George Heron N2APB as our new Website/Event Coordinator. George requested to step down so he could rebalance his time requirements and allow himself to focus on other interests. Thanks to George for his past efforts on behalf of TLARC and congratulations to Jeff as he assumes his new responsibilities.
- President Mike Wagner KK6OKU presented for consideration the adoption of West River Radio Club (WRRRC, in Vermont) and Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club (SMARC) as “sister” clubs to TLARC. David Andrews N1ESK and John Borichevsky N1TOX are dual members of TLARC and WRRRC. The WRRRC previously benefactored TLARC with one of their grants and proposed becoming a sister club with TLARC. SMARC was also included for consideration given our current dual TLARC/SMARC members, neighboring locations, and ongoing partnering relationship. The body raised the question whether these actions required a vote. Following discussion, the TLARC attendees accepted SMARC and WRRRC as sister clubs without a vote. It was further determined to add both clubs to the TLARC Groups.io account.
- President Mike Wagner KK6OKU requested a show of hands from those interested in buying more TLARC t-shirts. Interest was sufficient to order more shirts. Long-sleeved t-shirts are being considered for the next order. More details will follow.
- The Club is considering its future meeting venue options. The August meeting will be held at Tugaloo Beach in Tellico Village and feature not only the monthly Club meeting but also a pre-meeting Fox Hunt and potluck dinner. An ARES briefing will be presented during the Sharing portion of the September meeting. Also, we have requested to reserve Conference Room space in Tellico Village's Chota Recreation Center from October 2021 through April 2022, to ensure we have an indoor venue for meetings during the colder weather months.
- TLARC's Field Day participation was outstanding. Our logs have been submitted to the ARRL, and we reported a total score of 3,300+ points for our phone, CW, and digital modes of communication.
- Please help us ensure no official correspondence is provided to outside organizations or publications without Club Executive Team concurrence/signature. All administrative actions affecting TLARC require President/Vice President approval.
- We are considering options for the Club's year-end party. Your suggestions are welcome. We are even open to the possibility of January 2022 party dates if it helps us find a good venue.
- President Wagner KK6OKU is referring for committee consideration the purchase/installation of a permanent Field Day antenna and coaxial cable at God's Cozy Acres. The antenna will serve the Club well for each Field Day and contest event and provide Elmer training opportunities throughout the year.
- Please know the consumption of alcoholic beverages at TLARC-sponsored events is “frowned upon”. Although the Club doesn't provide alcohol at its events, we want to take the step of not

endorsing consumption for insurance purposes. However, alcohol consumption during an overnight event, without the possibility of motor vehicle operation, could be accepted.

- Huntsville Hamfest is coming fast! Please don't forget to wear your TLARC t-shirts to promote the Club.

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

- The trustee, call name, and address information for the WB4BSC repeater have been updated by the ARRL and FCC. David Weikert KF4DKW is the new trustee of record.

#### **Net Committee Chair's Report** – Presented by Randy Kruszka WK9M

- The Net Control Station (NCS) and Logger schedule update will be coming after July.

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

- No Committee business was reported.

#### **Old Business**

- No Old Business was discussed.

#### **New Business**

- Tim Montgomery N4TLM said the Waynesville (NC) Hamfest is scheduled for 24 Jul 21, and the Middle TN HamQuest in Lebanon is set for 31 Jul 21. He plans to attend both and offered to sell excessed Club equipment/gear at both events.
- The attendee Door Prize drawing went to Tim Bailey AA3TN. Congratulations, Tim, on receiving a \$10 coupon to Casa Fiesta in Lenoir City.

#### **Sharing/Training Session**

- No presentation occurred at the meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

- President Mike Wagner KK6OKU adjourned the meeting at 1832 EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Ferguson N4CSF, TLARC Secretary.