

**TELLICO LAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2021**

President Mike Wagner KK6OKU called the meeting to order at 7:05pm EDT at Tugaloo Beach Pavilion in Tellico Village. The meeting began with introductions, and there were 24 participants, including 3 guests.

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

- Huntsville Hamfest is coming up this weekend. Don't forget to wear your TLARC t-shirts!
- The TLARC Admin Team is working to assemble a nominating committee for the upcoming Fall elections. Mike Wagner KK6OKU will address this further in the President's Report.
- The Route 66 special event is slated for September 11-19, 2021, 11:59pm UTC. Special events like these are lots of fun.
- Don't forget the East Tennessee Hamfest, which is set for September 25, 2021, at the Sevier County Fairgrounds. 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. Mike Wagner KK6OKU “foot-stomped” this outstanding amount! The June 2021 beginning balance was \$3,368.13. Monthly receipts totaled \$44.00 (\$40 in member dues and \$4 from name tags) and expenses \$50.00 (\$50 for Tugaloo Pavilion rental).
- Joyce Tarbell K1JAT 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 July 21, 2021, in-person meeting were distributed earlier this week. Comments received from Mike Wagner KK6OKU have been incorporated, and no further comments were submitted. The revised minutes were submitted for TLARC approval.
- Jeff Buffington N4POD moved to approve the minutes, and Dave McDonald KC4YVV seconded. The motion carried.
- There currently are 63 paid-up members on the active TLARC roster. **(I mistakenly reported 62 members during the Secretary's Report.)** No new members were added this month.
- 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.
- RF Exposure Calculator: ARRL website has a calculator to determine FCC compliance based on power, duty cycle, mode, frequency, etc. Simple plug-in takes <5 minutes to determine minimum operating distance in compliance with FCC radio service safety criteria. You can also print out a report of your specific findings.

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

- No new news on repeater updates.
- 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.
- New product announcement – Yaesu FT5 release pending. I've provided a description and spec sheet for circulation. Dual VFO for digital/analog, updated 1W speaker, and better waterproofing.

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

- Website move from George Heron's N2APB server to my server completed since last meeting. Please advise if you're experiencing security certificate issues when accessing the site.

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

- No net yesterday, due to tonight's meeting.
- November and December have only two nets scheduled due to the holidays. We may want to schedule special nets to add more.
- I will be moving to Crossville at the end of September and resigning as the Net Committee chairman. I will still try to participate and interface with TLARC – one of the two best clubs I've ever been involved in. Whether I can connect to nets remains to be determined.
- Mike Wagner KK6OKU requested Randy provide suggested candidates for the new chairman.

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

- No Committee business was reported.

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

- Thank you to SMARC and Mike Foley K4MJF on the SMARC donation and TLARC adoption of SMARC's budget spreadsheet tool.
- The 2021-2022 TLARC budget draft is ready. We intend to post the draft to the TLARC website, but that step has been delayed, pending the website turnover from George Heron N2APB to Jeff Buffington N4POD, which is now complete.
- The Admin Team is appointing a Nominating Committee to identify candidates for the Fall Club elections. Ralph Monserrat KM4TUY has agreed to chair it once again. Please contact Ralph if you desire to serve on the committee.
- The Admin Team meets at 9:00am EDT at the Lenoir City Cracker Barrel each Monday before our monthly Club meetings. There is a standing invite to all TLARC members and guests to attend this meeting for fellowship and/or provide monthly meeting planning input.
- We have secured a conference room at the Chota Recreation Center in Tellico Village for our monthly meetings from September 2021 through December 2022. The room will be available to us from 6:00pm EDT to 8:00pm EDT each third Wednesday.
- Please let me know if you'd like to present a topic at one of our monthly meeting sharing sessions. David Weikert KF4DKW will present an ARES informational session at the September 2021 meeting.

- TLARC Holiday Party: We are considering a Jan party date to ensure venue availability and more affordable rates. Based on monies available, we are planning for TLARC to fund some, if not all, party costs. If you have a desired location for this event, please let me know.
- We need a turn-key station at God's Cozy Acres (GCA) that is ready for the next Admin Team to operate without additional setup. This one station would remain installed at GCA and would NOT be used for Field Day contesting, to comply with ARRL setup rules. We need coaxial cable (at least 200 feet), an antenna, and miscellaneous materials to accomplish this. Richard Meyer W8CNY generously offered to donate 300+ feet of LMR400 cable for this effort, which the Club accepted.
- We need Club authorization to expend up to \$1,500 to purchase necessary materials/equipment for the GCA project. We need this now so Mike Foley K4MJF can make any necessary purchase(s) at Huntsville Hamfest this weekend, at his discretion. Joyce Tarbell K1JAT confirmed with Mike Wagner KK6OKU the Club has use of GCA for the foreseeable future and the project materials/equipment are removeable if/when we lose the use of the property. Brad Berger KM4OJK moved to authorize the Huntsville Hamfest attendees to expend up to \$1,500 in budgeted Club funds to purchase turn-key equipment and materials for the GCA station project. Robin Monserrat KO4PNC seconded. The motion carried.
- Alan Tarbell K1AT inquired about using the county's 911 Center as an optional operating site. He also stated acceptable Field Day operations can focus on contest point-getting and/or training new and prospective Hams. Mike Wagner KK6OKU agreed the 911 Center could be an option for the Club and concurred in the multiple approaches for Field Day operations. However, further consideration of sites and Field Day focus should be reserved for the next Administration.
- Personal announcement. After I recently closed my motorcycle shop, the TN ARES Section Emergency Coordinator asked me to be the Emergency Coordinator for Monroe County – similar to David Weikert's KF4DKW position with Loudon County – and I accepted. Thank you for your patience with me, as this new endeavor is taking more time. I'll ask for your support in this new role and will do everything in my power to help everyone here and in TLARC.
- Outstanding job tonight with our potluck dinner, everyone! I'm amazed at the quality and quantity of food that everyone provided. Thank you so much.

### **Old Business**

- No Old Business was discussed.

### **New Business**

- No New Business was discussed.

### **Sharing/Training Session**

- No presentation occurred at the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

- President Mike Wagner KK6OKU adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Ferguson N4CSF, TLARC Secretary.