

TELLICO LAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2021

President Mike Wagner KK6OKU called the meeting to order at 6:32pm EDT, marking TLARC's first meeting at Chota Recreation Center, in Tellico Village, since Fall 2020. The meeting began with introductions, and there were 22 participants, including 3 guests.

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

- Thanks to everyone for coming out tonight.
- The TLARC Admin Team has established a nominating committee for the upcoming Fall elections. Please consider serving, if asked, and advise Ralph Monserrat KM4TUY if you decide to do so.
- The Tennessee QSO Party has concluded. All log files must be submitted NLT October 5, 2021. In follow-on, Mike Wagner KK6OKU stated he has good information that TLARC has a good chance of placing in the event.
- The Route 66 special event is ongoing and will conclude September 19, 2021. There are very nice certificates offered for this special event.
- The East Tennessee Hamfest is set for Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the Sevier County Fairgrounds. This is an all-day event and includes a flea market and boneyard. Visit www.easttennesseehamfest.com for more details.
- The Lenoir City Fall Street Festival and Car Show is also scheduled for September 25, 2021. This is another great annual event in our local community.
- We are still looking to schedule our next TLARC Foxhunt, probably in October. We hope to involve both SMARC and MARC in the event and possibly open it up to the greater Knoxville area.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Treasurer George Sifnotis WB9TFR

- The current TLARC checking account balance is \$3,368.13 – \$2,618.13 in the General Fund and \$750.00 in the Repeater Fund. The August 2021 beginning balance was \$3,368.13. There were no deposits or receipts during this reporting period.
- Jeff Buffington N4POD moved to approve the report, and Ben Poff KN4VIF seconded. The motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Presented by Secretary Chuck Ferguson N4CSF

- Club members considered the draft minutes of the August 19, 2021, meeting for revision and approval. Alan Tarbell K1AT questioned the President's Report wording about installing a turn-key Field Day station at God's Cozy Acres (GCA) and advocated considering Loudon County's 911 Center as an alternative operating location to GCA. Following considerable discussion, it was agreed: (1) the GCA turn-key station should be used only to provide amateur radio development and training opportunities but NOT for Field Day contesting, to comply with ARRL rules; (2) the county's 911 Center can be considered a possible alternate site for Ham training and Field Day operations, but further Club operating location discussions should be reserved for the next Admin Team; and (3) acceptable Field Day operations can focus on scoring high contact points and/or training of new and perspective Hams. Consensus was to table consideration of the August 19,

2021, meeting minutes, revise them by incorporating the above conclusions, and submit the revised minutes for consideration and approval at the October 20, 2021, monthly meeting.

- There currently are 63 paid-up members on the active TLARC roster. 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.

President's Report – Presented by President Mike Wagner KK6OKU

- The Lenoir City Civitan Club has asked TLARC to assist with comms at the 2021 Fall Street Festival and Car Show on September 25, 2021, to position vendors and show cars. We would like to invite both SMARC and MARC for community support. We will have a booth for the Club, where we can provide information, talk with interested visitors, and demonstrate remote HF operations. We need at least eight volunteers to work the event from 7:30am EDT to 10:00am EDT, and we currently have four signed up. A sign-up sheet was made available to meeting attendees.
- The 2021-2022 Club Budget is complete. We prefer not to post it on the TLARC website for privacy reasons. We can provide copies to any active members in need of them. Select budget items include:
 - Total projected income is \$3,810. This includes in part \$1,260 in dues, \$750 in repeater equipment grant funds, and \$350+ in shirt sales.
 - There is an \$825 item for the Club to pay for the 2021 TLARC Holiday Party, which is approximately \$20/person.
 - Advertising is a new line item, intended to promote future Club activities to local print and televised media outlets (e.g. promoting Field Day to the Knoxville-area TV stations).
 - Repeater maintenance (\$300) covers the building maintenance and repairs, in partnership with Tellico Village and in addition to the repeater grant.
 - Total 2021/2022 budget is \$2,420. Projected surplus is ~\$2,000.
- The Club approved at the August 19, 2021, meeting the allocation of up to \$1,500 for the remote station at GCA. We have spent \$0 to date, thanks to the generous donations of coaxial cable and an antenna from Richard Meyer W8CNY and Mike Foley K4MJF.
- The Admin Team meets at 9:00am 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.
- The TLARC Holiday Party is set for Saturday, December 4, 2021, 5:30pm EST, at Grain Bin Commodities in Sweetwater.
- In remembrance of 9/11, thank you to all Veterans in attendance for your service and sacrifice.

Sharing/Training Session

- David Weikert KF4DKW presented an informational briefing on the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) organization, history, purpose, and training within the local community. David is the ARES Emergency Coordinator for Loudon County.

- Loudon County ARES (LCARES) was established in 1993 by Mike Henry KN4H. He created LCARES in response to the 1993 Lenoir City tornado and ensuing snowstorm events, which disabled local two-way communications.
- Local LCARES emergency centers are located in Loudon and the Fort Loudoun Medical Center.
- Community support can include distributing bottled water and personal toiletry items upon request, providing communications support for local area events (e.g. Lenoir City Fall Street Festival and Car Show, Roane County Paint Rock Whitestone Inn Marathon, Cherohala Challenge Race, etc), or various other public-service activities.
- ARES has an ongoing focus on training and offers various levels of classes online and in person.
- Mike Wagner KK6OKU foot-stomped adequate training and accountability of ARES personnel, citing past improprieties that involved looting and theft of accident sites by unaccounted individuals masquerading as first responders. ARES training can also benefit your personal preparedness.

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

- No Committee business was reported.

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

- No Committee business was reported.

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

- No Committee business was reported.

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

- No Committee business was reported.

Old Business

- No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- Eight door prizes were drawn and distributed. Thanks to Casa Fiesta and Firehouse Subs in Lenoir City for their support of TLARC.
- Thank you to Richard Meyer W8CNY for his generous donation of two HF wire antennas.
- Please sign up to volunteer for the Lenoir City Fall Street Festival and Car Show.

Adjournment

- President Mike Wagner KK6OKU adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Ferguson N4CSF, TLARC Secretary.