

TELLICO LAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2021

President Mike Wagner KK6OKU called the meeting to order at 1900 EDT in the banquet room of Bert's in Madisonville. The meeting began with introductions from all member participants and guests.

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

- TLARC provided communications support for the Lenoir City Fall Street Festival and Car Show on September 25, 2021. Club members helped position 250-350 classic cars and place vendors in their designated parking spaces. TLARC set up a booth that included QSL cards, amateur radio magazines, and flyers and facilitated many in-person QSOs. There also was a portable HF station at the booth that was used to make contacts for demonstration and instruction.
- The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 4, 2021, 1730 EST, at Grain Bin Commodities (GBC) in Sweetwater. Help us celebrate the great year at this buffet-style event. Club members moved and approved that all attendees pay their own meal costs – \$20 per person. Please RSVP by/before the November 17, 2021, meeting so we can provide GBC with the number of people attending so they know how much food to prepare.
- Four new club members joined TLARC this month – Vann Fleming KO4SOM (Technician), Jon Bart K6QVA (General), Mark Vaughan KO4INF (Technician), and Jeff Hurst KO4RJK (Technician). Please welcome them!
- The TLARC Admin Team has established a nominating committee for the upcoming Fall elections. Ralph Monserrat KM4TUY will present their initial findings later in this meeting, and the Club will approve nominations and vote in new officers at the November 17, 2021, meeting.
- The North American Sprint Contest is coming up on October 24, 2021, 000 UTC to 0400 UTC.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Treasurer George Sifnotis WB9TFR

- The current TLARC account balance is \$3,340.13 – \$2,590.13 in the General Fund and \$750.00 in the Repeater Fund. The August 2021 beginning balance was \$3,368.13. There were \$62 in deposits (\$60 membership fees and \$2 badge fee) and \$90 in expenses (Lenoir City Fall Street Festival and Car Show booth) during this reporting period.
- Club membership moved and voted to approve the report. The motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Presented by Mike Wagner KK6OKU for Secretary Chuck Ferguson N4CSF

- The revised August 19, 2021, and draft September 15, 2021, minutes were distributed for review on Groups.io. There were no substantive comments or changes.
- Jeff Buffington N4POD moved to approve both sets of minutes, and David McDonald KC4YVW seconded. The motion carried.
- There currently are 67 paid-up members on the active TLARC roster, including our four new members, who joined 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 Admin Team has been developing a proposal to establish a permanent mailing address for the KN4DUA Club call sign and official TLARC correspondence to/from various entities (e.g. Board of Equalization, FCC, QRZ, etc). Documents currently arrive at different members' home addresses, and no accountability is ensured for accurate chain of custody and response. A USPS Post Office box will cost \$60 every 6 months. Providing a single mailing address for the Club's call sign and official business will ensure more efficient handling of contact information and processing of communiques and correspondence to/from amateur radio oversight organizations. Consideration of this item will be tabled until we obtain more mailbox cost information from different vendors (UPS, shipping stores, etc). Also, By-Laws will need to be updated to reflect these changes once they are approved by the membership.
- Along these same lines of consideration, the KN4DUA call sign trusteeship will be assigned to the current TLARC Secretary and passed to the new Secretary, when one is elected.
- Lenoir City Fall Street Festival and Car Show – Mike Wagner KK6OKU recognized the TLARC members that volunteered to provide communications support to the festival. Each person received a certificate of appreciation designed by Mike Foley K4MJF and a long-sleeve TLARC t-shirt supplied by Mike Wagner KK6OKU. The volunteers included David Weikert KF4DKW, Mike Foley K4MJF, Brent Martin K4BNN, Dave Kaun N9KMY (SMARC), Brad Berger KM4OJK, Chuck Ferguson N4CSF, Tom Sullivan W8MKL, Mike Wagner KK6OKU, and Karen Foley XYL.
- The Lenoir City newspaper mentioned TLARC's support of the Civitan Club's Lenoir City Fall Street Festival and Car Show. Great press for our community involvement!!
- Mike Foley K4MJF designed and produced a special event QSL card for the festival. The HF station was not continuously manned during the festival, so only five contacts were made during the event. Next year the Club should apply for a special event call sign for the festival. Mike Wagner KK6OKU and Mike Foley K4MJF will be available to assist.
- Weather spotter training is available online at Morristown weather education. Certification is given for successful completion of the two courses.
- "Mikey" Paulin N1MXJ, a member of our sister club West River Radio Club (WRRRC) in VT, passed away unexpectedly on October 10, 2021. He was the Treasurer of the CCDX Club, an avid Field Day participant, and a great friend. TLARC forwarded condolences to WRRRC.
- The Admin Team meets at 0900 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, 1730 EST, at Grain Bin Commodities in Sweetwater. You may purchase your tickets in advance or at the event for \$20 per person. Tips are not included in the ticket price.

Sharing/Training Session

- No Sharing Session was presented at the October meeting.

Nominating Committee Chair's Report – Presented by Ralph Monserrat K4MTUY

- Current nominations were presented to the Club membership for consideration. Additional nominations will be accepted until the November 17, 2021, Club meeting. The current nominees include:
 - President – Richard Meyer W8CNY
 - Vice President – Ben Poff KN4VIF
 - Treasurer – George Sifnotis WB9TFR
 - Secretary – Chuck Ferguson N4CSF
- Ralph Monserrat K4MTUY acknowledged the current Admin Team for all they have done to increase membership, raise funds (e.g. t-shirt sales), develop Club members, arrange events, and seek donations. He credited the leaders with considering all aspects of the Club and accomplishing things not done by previous administrations.

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

- David Weikert KF4DKW and Richard Meyer W8CNY cleaned and repaired the repeater shelter, sand-blasted the exterior door, and repaired grounding. All is bonded in the shelter, and Tellico Village Public Works is very happy with the work we accomplished throughout the Summer.

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

- No website glitches were reported. Anyone may submit posts and are encouraged to do so. More changes are forthcoming.

Net Committee Chair's Report – Presented by Mike Wagner KK6OKU

- We need a Net chairman, and the volunteer(s) will be assisted with the job.

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

- No Committee business was reported.

Old Business

- No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- Jeff Buffington N4POD will head up our Winter t-shirt sales. They will be black with white lettering and a light blue lake/river mapping.
- POTAPALOOZA is scheduled for Saturday October 23, 2021, on Flats Road, off Foothills Parkway (Park #K0034). This is a great introduction to Parks On The Air (POTA) operations. Two stations will be available for making contacts. You need only make 10 contacts to achieve your first activation. Bring your own food for cooking out. Look for a Groups.io e-mail and posting on the TLARC website for more details.
- Tim Montgomery N4TLM advised TLARC has been asked to support the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Run Loco Marathon/Half Marathon/5K on December 4, 2021, 0700 EST to 1400 EST. They are requesting six volunteers, but we know more would be helpful. We can double up and teach if we have enough bodies. Please advise if you are interested. Details will be e-mailed and

posted on the Chamber of Commerce's website. You can schedule your station time, and access may be limited. Since this mainly is a morning event, it should not conflict with the Holiday Party.

- Richard Meyer W8CNY introduced himself and provided his background since he is a nominee for 2022 TLARC President.
- Brad Berger KM4OJK reminded all members needing name tags to see him. Name tag cost is \$12, which includes a \$2 badge fee to the Club.
- Mike Wagner KK6OKU stated Club membership will discuss and approve TLARC end-of-year donation charities and amounts at the December 4, 2021, meeting. He offered East Tennessee Children's Hospital as a potential recipient. Joyce Tarbell K1JAT also advocated for Our Place in Tellico Village. Since Christmas Party attendees are paying their own way, this opens doors for additional charities and donations.

Adjournment

- President Mike Wagner KK6OKU adjourned the meeting at 2006 EDT.

Respectfully recorded by Mike Wagner KK6OKU, TLARC President, and submitted by Chuck Ferguson N4CSF, TLARC Secretary.