President Ben Poff, KN4VIF called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm EST. Our president Meeting was held at the Chota Recreation Center as usual.

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Sunshine Report: David Andrews N1ESKs brother-in-law passed away. Ben KN4VIF is feeling better and David Weikert KF4DKWs back is better. George Heron N2APB is on his way to Dayton for a presentation.

The Program was presented by Tim Montgomery N4TLM. He presented some ideas for future programs such as a presentation on “Go-Kits” – i.e. what to pack for when you are deploying to a location for an actual emergency or a public service event. What equipment and supplies might you need to perform your duties for the duration.

Also discussed was Field Day Prep. Tim is still looking for help to lead some stations and perform various duties. He needs to get a head count of those planning on attending to determine the number of stations to be used.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs w/buns will be provided by the club and additional food donations will be solicited from members.

Field day will be held at the Loudon County EOC on June 24/25th.

Tim will be sending an email to request info on your intentions/food donations, hours to work etc.

Home Stations: You can operate field day from your home station and also work at the field day site – however you cannot contact the field day site from your home station for credit.

You can bring your own radio to the field day site and operate it there.

FT8 has field day options to allow its use.

**\*\*\*\* BUSINESS SESSION \*\*\*\***

* April meeting minutes were discussed and accepted as written. Motion by Sam Howard, KV4XY and a second by John, KB4TV.
* Officer Reports –

President Ben Poff – KN4VIF:

* Welcome:

Vice President Tim Vice Montgomery – N4TLM:

* Tim proceeded with some anouncements: Listed below in the announcements section.

Treasurer John Kiley – KB4TV:

* The end-Apr Financial Report included –
  + Total end-Apr balance = $5001.3
  + Repeater fund = $2500.00
  + General fund = $2501.37 The end-Apr balance + $20(Dues) + $71 (Donations) - $89.96 (Pizza).

The club’s Liability insurance has been paid and is good for another year. Cost was $200.00.

Secretary Bob Antion, ND4P:

* There were 61 ACTIVE Club members on the Club roster as of the meeting.
* There are still 10 members on the club roster who have not paid this year’s dues.
* Standing Committee Reports (Permanent) –
* Repeater - David Weikert KF4DKW:
* Nothing significant to report.
* Net Control – George Heron – N2APB:
* George was not present at the meeting.
* Unfinished Business –
  + Club Banner: The banner for the club was discussed and the following is a little background: There was $150 collected in donations from several club members to be used towards the purchase of the banner. Ben KN4VIF has researched and determined that the cost of a banner is about $250.00 each. This banner is designed to catch the attention of those walking by and has multiple mounting options. The plan is to put a QR code on the banner which will take you to the club website as well as put the website on the banner. The club logo should also be on the banner and should mirror the club t-shirt and be double sided. Ben also stated that he needed feedback from the club members on content of the banners and to that effort he would provide a couple of options (mockups) and let the club members “tweak” the design.

Sam Howard KV4XY made a motion to allocate up to $350.00 towards the purchase of the club banners. This amount would be added to the existing donations of $150 resulting in a total of $500.00 for purchasing the banners. The motion was seconded by George Sifnotis – WB9TFR and unanimously approved by the members.

We should investigate getting a Tax-Exempt number to avoid paying tax on purchases such as this.

* + Club Website – Ben KN4VIF
    - Ben is meeting with SMARC to look at their options.
    - Wants to compare Apples to Apples
    - We will incur Tech Support Costs if we change (could cost up to $3000 for setup)
    - Are they getting a better deal – we are currently paying $24.00 /month.
* Club Budget – Ben KN4VIF discussed the club budget and let the club know that the only income that we can count on is the income from Dues, which is about $1200 a year. He also discussed the expenses that we have, and they are $288 /year for the website and $200 /year for liability insurance. There are no additional hard and fast expenses that the club has.

George Sifnotis, WB9TFR gave a brief background on the history of the club’s budgeting process and how we got to where we are.

The Budget is a picture of what the club cares about – In an effort to increase awareness of the club and attract more members, should we purchase kits for a youth event, should we attempt to get a table at the new villagers’ orientation to show the club off. Should we set up a station at the farmers market on Wednesday mornings, should we try and get some airtime on News Talk Radio. These all have the potential to give us publicity and potentially attract new members.

The club Budget spreadsheet will be updated and presented to the membership in June.

* Repeater Committee budget. Nothing reported.
* New Business –
* No new business was discussed.
* ANNOUNCEMENTS (Hamfests, Contests, Items for Sale, etc) –
  + Tim N4TLM: Planning for field day is already underway, contact Tim N4TLM for info.
  + Hamfests
    - Dayton May 19-21
    - Atlanta May 23
    - Sevierville Meet and Greet June 3
    - Knoxville Jun 17
    - FieldDay June 24/25
    - Nashville July 22
    - Chattanooga Oct 20-21
* Volunteers are needed for the Cherohala Challenge. This event is on June 3, runs from Tellico Plains and up the Dragon Skyway. Needed are SAGS, Rest Stop Comms. Contact Eric Franks KK4DKW to volunteer.
* Adjournment –

Motion: Sam, KV4XY; Second: Ben, KN4VIF. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Antion ND4P, TLARC Secretary.