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

Pledge of Allegiance, since all that were present knew each other introductions were dispensed with.

Sunshine Report: Nothing to Report

The Program was presented by Tim Montgomery N4TLM.

The program discussion was about Field Day. Field day will be comprised of TLARC, Monroe County ARES, MARC, and Loudon ARES. Tim has contacted many dignitaries but of yet has had no response.

Tim is still looking for help to lead some stations and perform various duties. Mike, KK6OKU will serve as PIO and Safety officer for the event. Richard Meyer, W8CNY is donating the use of his “sandwich board” to publicize the activity.

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. The Gate may be left open for access – if not push the button and tell the dispatchers you are there for Field Day activities.

A discussion of the various stations, locations within the facility and antennas occurred.

Tim will be sending an email to let everyone know what is still needed as far as food/assistance is needed and requesting info on your intentions/food donations, hours to work etc.

Showtime for setup is 0800 EDT Saturday June 24th at the Loudon County EOC.

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

* May meeting minutes were discussed and accepted with minor changes.
* Officer Reports –

President Ben Poff – KN4VIF:

* Welcome:

Vice President Tim Vice Montgomery – N4TLM:

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

Treasurer John Kiley – KB4TV:

* The end-Apr Financial Report included –
  + Total end-May balance = $4996.37
  + Repeater fund = $2500.00
  + General fund = $1875.63 The end-May balance + $60 Dues + $19.26(Amazon) - $700 ($200 Club Insurance and $500.00 for Club Banner).

Secretary Bob Antion, ND4P:

* There were 62 ACTIVE Club members on the Club roster as of the meeting.
* Standing Committee Reports (Permanent) –
* Repeater - David Weikert KF4DKW:
* The repeater died during a QSO, and it was determined that the West Mountain Power Distribution device had failed and shut down the repeater. A commercial grade repeater is now up and running however it has no power backup. It needs a battery conditioning unit. Need to have a power conditioning unit with a 24v battery to provide backup power for the repeater.
* Other thoughts—can se use the old repeater system as well, can we install a second repeater – there are many questions to be answered and many more to come.
* The 146.625 repeater is back on the air at the Top of the World site, as is the 440 repeater and the digipeater as well.
* Mike, KK6OKU inquired about having an echolink node on the repeater and shorting the squelch tail.
* May use a spare antenna to put up the second repeater and it may be system fusion as well.
* The Analog Repeater is Priority though – do not mess with its status.
* Net Control – George Heron – N2APB:
* George was not present at the meeting.
* Unfinished Business –
  + Club Banner: The banner is in the works.
  + Club Website – Ben KN4VIF – On Hold
* Club Budget – Ben KN4VIF discussed the club budget – he has a new in/out spreadsheet with income and must haves and a baseline for the club spending.

It was discussed the one of the biggest issues faced by clubs is the club budget, with the decisions as to what the club supports, what It desires to accomplish in the community and where its “heart” is.

Alan, K1AT stated that the only income we have is dues and we can’t afford to spend lots of money.

Other thoughts: We raised the money to use on the hobby, so we need to spend the money on the hobby. What are we trying to achieve with the club – what is our philosophy? We need to have the hard discussions for example are we going to try and get younger people into the hobby.

We need to spend responsibly and if we need additional funds we can “shake the tree”.

Alan, K1AT gave a history on why TLARC was originally formed – it was formed to Get Hams Together.

* Repeater Committee budget. Is in work – will depend on the repeaters and what is decided to do. The ARRL group insurance for the repeater is still in flux, until the repeater(s) are completely repaired/installed.
* New Business –
* David, N1ESK motioned to spend up to $150 on food for field day. Motion was seconded by Mike KK6OKU and was unanimously carried.
* Richard Meyer, W8CNY proposed a new location for the TLARC Club meeting. The Tellico Lake Fire Department. He discussed several of the advantages of this:

Advantages:

* The Fire Station is centrally located in Tellico Village, 210 Chota Road
* Two TLARC members have 24-hour access to the facility; Richard Meyer and Brad Berger.
* No time limit for our meetings.  The Chota Rec Center requires that our meetings end at 8 PM.
* With no time limits, we have more time for TLARC members to eat at local restaurants prior to the meetings.
* Seating for over 50 people with tables.  Ideal for; Meetings, Licenses Examinations, and Training Classes.
* Access to; video projector with screen, sound system, and internet; just bring your own laptop computer.
* Access to; restrooms, small kitchenette, coffee pot, refrigerator, and microwave oven.
* Access to; extra tables for; food, displays, etc.  Any extra food can be left behind for the Firefighters.
* The Fire Station has emergency power backup.
* Potential – Installation of TLARC Ham Radio HF and 2M radios with antennas. Waiting for approvals.
* ARES – The Loudon County 911 Center already has a Ham Radio HF setup for emergencies.
* No fees for; the meeting space, electricity, and internet.  The Fire Station is maintained by the Tellico Village POA.
* Requirement: Due to limited parking, TLARC must use the Baptist Church’s parking lot across the street.  Please save close-in parking for emergency vehicles.
* Requirement: Just clean up the area when you leave.

Disadvantages:

* Interruptions during Fire Department emergency calls.  Typically, the training room is not used during emergencies.
* Only two TLARC members with 24-hour access.  Solve this by training more Firemen/EMS personnel with their own Ham Radio licenses.

After discussion it was decided that we will hold the next monthly meeting (Jul 19th) at the Fire Station and determine if we would like that location.

* ANNOUNCEMENTS (Hamfests, Contests, Items for Sale, etc) –
* Mike, KK6OKU -- VOTA (Volunteers on the Air) is a year long event – you probably already have points – Get Involved
* Monroe County ARES will be a location for a special event in September for the 4 area VOTA activations.
* Chuck, N4CSF – the club has a tax exempt letter/form that can be used for TLARC fund purchases.
* Tim N4TLM: Planning for field day is underway, contact Tim N4TLM for info.
* Hamfests
  + - FieldDay June 24/25
    - McMinn County Jul 15
    - Nashville July 22
    - Waynesville NC July 29
    - Huntsville AL Aug 19/20
    - Chattanooga Oct 20-21
* Adjournment –

Motion: Joyce, K1JAT; Second: John, KB4TV. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Antion ND4P, TLARC Secretary.