President Ben Poff, KN4VIF called the meeting to order at 7:04 Pm EST. Meeting was held at the Tellico Lake Fire Department.

Pledge of Allegiance, and attendee introductions.

Sunshine Report: Ben, KN4VIFs wife is recovering from her second surgery for skin cancer removal. Mike McMillian underwent a hip replacement, Sam Howard is sick, Alan and Joyce recovered from Covid and Ashley Fletcher’s wife is waiting for a hip replacement.

The program presentation was by David Andrews N1ESK. The program was held after the business section. David made a very interesting and informative presentation about our ham estate planning. The presentation was entitled Death, Taxes and Amateur Radio. The basics are “Get your stuff in order” – Inventory and create a detailed listing of what your wishes are with respect to your equipment. “Leave a legacy” and “why wait till you are dead?”. These are just the highlights – if you didn’t attend the meeting, you missed a great and thought-provoking presentation.

Don’t leave a mess for someone else to clean up, plan and ensure your wishes are followed.

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

* Sep meeting minutes were discussed and accepted as written.
* Officer Reports –

President Ben Poff – KN4VIF:

* Welcome:

Vice President Tim Vice Montgomery – N4TLM:

* Welcome; and presented announcements, located at the end of minutes.

Treasurer John Kiley – KB4TV:

* End of Sep grand total = $4093.89
  + Repeater Fund = $2,500.00
* General Fund
  + $1,593.89 {End of Sep Balance}
  + + 40.00 {Dues Income}
  + + 500.00 {Banner Donations added back to balance sheet}
  + – 390.63 {Banner Actual Cost}
  + $1,743.26 [End of month balance for General Fund]

Grand Total End of October $4243.26

Secretary Bob Antion, ND4P:

* There were 64 ACTIVE Club members on the Club roster as of the meeting.
* We have a new member – George Jupin, KQ4MBX
* Standing Committee Reports (Permanent) –
* Repeater - David Weikert KF4DKW:
  + There was discussion of a Repeater upgrade. See info in unfinished business.
* Net Control – George Heron – N2APB:
  + George was not present at the meeting.
  + George is asking for someone else to step up and take over the Net Control (coordinator) role for the next year. This job is simply to gather those interested in doing net control or logger and schedule them to perform those activities. If interested see Ben, KN4VIF to volunteer.
* Finance Committee:
  + Volunteers were solicited for the Annual Financial audit: Ted, W1EG and Bill KQ4CDC volunteered.
* Unfinished Business –
* Repeater Committee
  + There was discussion of a Repeater upgrade. The old system is a Yaesu System Fusion DR-1X in analog only mode, with a second DR-1X repeater as a backup. The repeater output feeds a Crescend 100-watt RF amplifier. The repeater and amp are fed from a Duracomm DC supply and a five-year-old lead acid battery. The DR-1X design doesn’t easily support external interfacing to a repeater controller.
    - A new repeater system would consist of a 100-watt UHF Motorola MTR-2000 repeater, along with a second MTR-2000 as a backup. This system would include a 24-volt power conditioner and battery charger.
  + A proposal was made wherein the Eastern Tennessee Repeater Association (ETRA) takes the old system and replaces it with the new system. A cost analysis was presented showing a small cost to TLARC which ETRA would absorb, resulting in no net cost to TLARC.
  + TLARC would gain a repeater capable of interfacing with a future controller as the pinouts are available, and the repeater will operate in analog mode only, in compliance with previous commitments.
  + There was a motion to accept the upgraded repeater system as presented. Motion made by John, KB4TV and seconded by Ted, W1EG
    - There was some discussion – ETRA is assuming risk of the costs,
    - Repair parts availability – ETRA has multiple MTR-2000 repeaters available, in addition to the TLARC spare.
    - Are there any major cons – none were brought up.
    - Pros – we will have a commercial system with a commercial front end, more selective notch filters.
    - Motion was carried unanimously.
* ARRL Equipment Insurance: Dave, N1ESK presented a listing of equipment for the insurance policy – questions included whether we actually need insurance.
  + The club has some equipment, a Yaesu FT-767 which was donated to the club and has been used by several people – now at N1ESK’ QTH, should it be insured, auctioned off, set up as a club station etc. No resolution
  + Dave provided 2 lists of equipment, one containing the complete repeater system with backups and one with a lesser listing of equipment (no antenna, feedline). There was a motion made by Dave N1ESK and seconded by Ted W1EG to insure the 2nd list with 6 items at a cost of $53.20. Discussion ensued, and Alan K1AT was concerned with a lightning strike, POA has never had a strike. Ted W1EG brought up that over the last 10yrs we never would have had a claim so why spend the money. We could modify the list and remove the Backup Repeater and batteries; cost would now be $40.60.
  + The original motion was amended to insure the new list without the backup repeater and batteries with funds from the repeater fund. Amended motion by Dave N1ESK and seconded by Chuck N4CSF. Motion carried unanimously.
* Nominating Committee for officers: The results are:
  + Ben Poff, KN4VIF – nominated for President.
  + Chuck Ferguson, N4CSF – nominated for Vice President.
  + Bob Antion, ND4P – nominated for Secretary.
  + John Kiley, KB4TV – nominated for Treasurer.
  + No additional nominations were tendered by the membership, so the new officers were accepted by acclamation.
* Holiday Party: The TLARC Annual Holiday party will be held at Little Italy on December the 16th (Saturday) starting at 5PM with an hour of gathering/cocktails. It is BYOB for this activity. Dinner will start at 6PM. A flyer will be sent to all members and all members/family/friends are invited listing the menu etc. Tickets must be purchased in advance not later than Dec 8th to allow the restaurant to prepare. Contact John Kiley KB4TV for tickets/payment. All monies collected will be placed in the club account and a single check will be written to cover all ticket sales.
* Again, a Flyer will be sent out discussing the party/menu etc. to members.
* Tellico Life Subscription – our intent to renew was sent and we are awaiting an invoice for payment.
* MOU between TLARC and the Fire Department. Ben, KN4VIF is going to work on getting this MOU completed
* It is almost Dues time again – Dues must be received by the end of January.
* New Business –

No New Business was discussed.

* ANNOUNCEMENTS (Hamfests, Contests, Items for Sale, etc) –
* Hamfests
  + Run LoCo Dec 2 (5K and Half Marathon) Waiting on info
  + Field Day 24 Jun 22/23
* Adjournment –

Motion: Ben, KN4VIF -- seconded by Tim, N4TLM. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Antion ND4P, TLARC Secretary.