President Ben Poff, KN4VIF called the meeting to order at 7:02 EDT. The meeting was held at the Tellico Lake Fire Department.

Pledge of Allegiance and attendee introductions.

Sunshine Report – Sam KW4TN’s daughter just got married.

The program: Darrel Franchuk KG4CCB presented his presentation of “Shack from Scratch” which chronicled his building of his ham shack from groundbreaking for his new house to the completion of his ham shack. He described how he installed a terminated butterfly loop in his attic while the house was being built, to the wall penetrations, the conduit from the shack to the attic and the final layout of his shack. A very interesting and thought-provoking presentation which brought up some good ideas to incorporate into our shacks.

After Darrell was finished, George N2APB discussed the first build project – the End Fed Half Wave (EFHW) antenna. Date and time for assembly will be forthcoming.

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

February 21, 2023, MINUTES were accepted as written.

* Officer Reports –
* President, Ben Poff, KN4VIF:
* Welcome
* Vice President, Chuck Ferguson. N4CSF:
  + Chuck announced that David Thomas KM4NYI (the ARRL Tennessee Section Manager) will be present at our May meeting for a presentation. Joyce K1JAT was concerned that we may spend too much time on Field Day prep at the May meeting and not have time for the Section Manager, so as you will see below we have moved the field day planning to April.
  + As for the social gatherings Chuck suggested an ice-cream social, or a chili cookoff – or going to the park before field day to assist in planning and having a social event at the same time. It was decided that the April meeting will be held at the Field Day Site (Pavilion 1 at Lenoir City Park) on April 17th to have a social event as well as some field day planning.
  + Field day deposits have been paid to the city, we will have the April meeting at the park, for a social for all and a small business meeting. In addition, Chuck N4CSF made the reservation with the city for our April meeting at the park.
* Treasurer, John Kiley, KB4TV
* Financial Report –
* End of Jan grand total = $4476.88
  + Repeater Fund = $2,500.00
* General Fund +
  + $1976.88 {End of Jan Balance}
  + + 220.00 {Dues Income}
  + – 150.00 {Field Day Park Reservation}
  + $2046.88 [End of month balance for General Fund]

Grand Total End of February $4546.88

* Secretary, Bob Antion, ND4P:
* Sign-in Sheets
* Roster –
  + We have 38 Dues Paying members currently on the roster.
* Standing Committee Reports (Permanent) –
* Repeater - David Weikert KF4DKW:

No Change

* Net Coordinator – George Heron, N2APB:
  + No Change
* Special Committee Reports –
  + Ben, KN4VIF wants to appoint a Field Day special committee to plan Field Day. He would like 2 to 4 people to volunteer to assist with this effort.
* Unfinished Business –
* Repeater Committee Upgrade
  + No Change -The upgraded repeater is complete but has yet to be replaced.
* New Business –
  + Field Day – is an opportunity to exercise our portable/emergency operations skills.
  + We need several things/plans:
    - Menu – food/drinks/ice
    - Band Plan – Freq/Times/Space
    - Health and Safety (Safety Officer – Ben KN4VIF)
    - RF Exposure
    - Coordinate ARRL Interface
    - Logging - setting up network logging
    - PIO
    - Set up / Tear Down
    - Equipment (Who will provide) (Tom Sullivan has 2 generators we can use, however the park shelters have power so we may not need)

What is our Goal for field day, do we want to have fun, learn, exercise or skills, or contest and try for a spot in QST?

Club voted do NOT be aggressive and worry about getting lots of points, will have fun, log our contacts, and submit so others can get their points, however we will not be trying to get every point we can.

* Fire Department MOU – Ben is still in the process of working with the Fire Chief to develop an MOU for the club using the Fire Department facilities for our meetings.
* Announcements (Hamfests, contests, items for sale, etc)

HamFests

Greenville TN                   Sat Apr 20

Cleveland TN                    Sat Apr 27

Dayton OH                         May 17-19

Knoxville                             Jun 15

McMinn County               Jul 20

Waynesville NC              Jul 20

Huntsville AL                    Aug 17-18

Cedars of Lebanon        Aug 24th

Shelby NC                          Aug 31

* Other Announcements:
* Field Day June 22, 23, 2024
* Adjournment (Motion: Chuck, N4CSF 2nd: George, WB9TFR; Time: 20:52 EDT)