Vice President Chuck Ferguson, N4CSF called the meeting to order at 19:01 EDT. The meeting was held at the Tellico Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed, and attendee introductions were made.

Sunshine Report –Ben, KN4VIF’s is starting to feel human again. He sends word that he misses everyone, however he is not progressing as quickly as he would like. He hopes to be at the September meeting (which is now on Oct 1). Hope to see you there Ben!

Mike McMillian, KD9DCW was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, been treated but needs to learn to swallow and breathe again. Chuck expressed surprise at how well he was talking after going through that – get better Mike!

The program: Mike Thorton talked to us about the Loudon County Sheriff’s Department Benevolent Fund. This is a fund from the community which aids Sheriff’s Deputies when they are in need of emergency financial assistance and raises money for medical treatment when a Deputy is injured in the line of duty.

Field Nuts outing: A second field nuts outing took place at Fort Loudon State park with several members and guests showing up. Juan, AC6ZM, John KB4TV, and Bob ND4P, and George N2APB were there and operated CW, FT8 and CW QRP. A fun time was had by all, there was discussion of antennas, 2 POTA activations, some CW, and some good socializing. We plan on having more of these and would like to encourage everyone to come out and join us, for some radio fun, learning and fellowship.

Huntsville Hamfest report was presented by Tim, N4TLM

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

July 19, 2024, MINUTES were accepted as written.

* Officer Reports –
* President, Ben Poff, KN4VIF:
  + Welcome – Resting
* Vice President, Chuck Ferguson. N4CSF:
  + Chuck: Welcomed all members and stated that Ben was resting however, he sends his best to the club. Chuck has been in contact with Ben and brought some questions etc. to the club
* Treasurer, John KB4TV:
* Financial Report –
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* End of June grand total = $4022.08
  + Repeater Fund = $2,500.00
* General Fund +
  + $1902.08 {End of June Balance}
  + + 40.00 {Dues}
  + - 26.87 {Field Day Food}
  + $1915.21 [End of month balance for General Fund]

Grand Total End of July: $4415.21

* Secretary, Bob Antion, ND4P
  + We currently have 45 active members.
  + There were 22 Members and no guests in attendance at the meeting.
* Standing Committee Reports (Permanent) –
* Repeater - David Weikert KF4DKW:

New repeater controller from ETRA is getting burned in and is ready to be placed in use – will be demonstrated after it is emplaced.

* Net Coordinator – George Heron, N2APB:
  + Nothing to report
* Special Committee Reports –

There are currently no Special Committees.

* Unfinished Business –
* Repeater Committee Upgrade
  + - No Change –
  + Social get together –
    - There were several suggestions for the combination of a social gathering and club meeting: They were
    - Tugaloo cost $50.00 but not available for next club meeting on Sep 18th. The Toqua Pavilion cost $250.00, Lenoir City Park costs $75.00, Tellico Lake recreation area (closes when TVA decides to).
    - Chuck will be getting with the Rec Center to determine the availability of Tugaloo, and Chuck will make the executive decision as to where and when the combination meeting will be held.
  + MOU with fire Chief –
    - Ben KN4VIF will be working on this when he is able to.
  + Christmas Party Locations:
    - Chuck, N4CSF has been in touch with Grain Bin Commodities about the possibility of our Christmas/Holiday party at their location. He will get back to us on this.
    - Gary Stickel, K4RQT Discussed his talks with Little Italy for the party. This would be in a private room and is BYOB. Last year the meal was Lasagna and chicken alfredo for $30.00. Dates available are Thursdays, Dec 5 and 12.
    - A third option which was being looked at was Calhoun’s, however they have been dropped from consideration as they failed to respond to inquiries.
    - There was a vote taken to express interest in the two remaining possibilities and the result was:
      * Grain Bin 11 votes
      * Little Italy 3 votes
    - So, the decision was made to obtain current prices for each vendor and for Chuck to make the final determination.
* New Business –
  + Nominating Committee, the club needs 4 new officers for the coming year, the idea being to have a ballot approval at the October meeting with elections occurring at the November meeting. Angela N4RPR and Sam KW4TN were thanked for their service last year and a request for volunteers for this year’s committee was made. We had 2 volunteers, Brad KM4OJK and Yvette AJ4YJ volunteered to be the committee and find volunteers for the 4 officer positions.
  + There was a motion by David, N1ESK to make a donation to the Fire Department for the use of the facility, Angela, N4RPR seconded. There was discussion and the motion was amended by Sam, KW4TN to make a $200.00 donation to the fire department. Motion was passed without dissent.
* Announcements (Hamfests, contests, items for sale, etc)

HamFests

Huntsville AL                    Aug 17-18

Cedars of Lebanon        Aug 24th

Shelby NC                          Aug 30- 1 Sep

Lexington KY Oct 5

East Tennessee (Dandridge) Sep 14th

Richmond KY 28 Sep

* Other Announcements:
* Adjournment (Motion: Richard, AE4RS 2nd: Sam, KW4TN; Time: 20:10 EDT)