President Ben Poff, KN4VIF called the meeting to order at 19:03 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 PET scan shows that all the active cancer has disappeared—GREAT NEWS! However, he has an ultrasound for his thyroid on Thursday the 17th, praying for good news. He is back at work (from home) but still has a long recovery ahead.

Sam Howard KW4TN’s wife is still experiencing bouts of vertigo.

There was no program this evening.

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

August 21, 2024, MINUTES were accepted as written. There were no minutes for a September meeting as that meeting was turned into a Social Event.

* Officer Reports –
* President, Ben Poff, KN4VIF:
  + Welcome -- Hello and was glad to see everyone.
* Vice President, Chuck Ferguson. N4CSF:
  + Chuck: Thanked everyone who showed up for the social event on Oct 1, was sorry that he couldn’t be there, and his wife Diane is better after the kidney stones.
  + Announced that Roland Anders will again be hosting his zoom session General License Class sponsored by the National Electronics Museum. Sessions will be this fall from Thursday Oct 31st through Thursday Jan 9th at 6:30 pm EDT/EST (after the fallback).
  + This weekend (Oct 19-20th) will be the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and on the internet. This event is happening across the country.
* Treasurer, John KB4TV:
* Financial Report –
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* End of Aug grand total = $4205.21
  + Repeater Fund = $2,500.00
* General Fund +
  + $1705.21 {End of Aug Balance}
  + - $20.00 {Dues}
  + - $240.00 {Web Services}
  + $1485.21 [End of month balance for General Fund]

Grand Total End of Sept: $3985.21

* Secretary, Bob Antion, ND4P
  + We currently have 46 active members.
  + There were 18 Members and 2 guests in attendance at the meeting.
* Standing Committee Reports (Permanent) –
* Repeater - David Weikert KF4DKW:

New repeater controller from ETRA is getting burned in and will be placed in use.

Jefferson County lost a tower during Helene and ETRA will be involved in investigating the extent of the damage and potentially in assisting in recovering the capabilities of the site.

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

There are currently no Special Committees.

* Unfinished Business –
  + - MOU with fire Chief – Ben KN4VIF will be working on this with David Andrews N1ESK and the fire chief. This will be completed prior to Ben’s tenure as president is completed.
  + Christmas Party Locations:
    - Chuck, N4CSF informed us that the Christmas/Holiday party will be held on Dec 7th at Grain Bin Commodities in Sweetwater. The cost for the meal is $35.00 per person payable prior to Thanksgiving. The menu will consist of:
      * Pork Loin & Butter baked chicken
      * Green beans, loaded mashed potatoes, and sweet potato casserole
      * Salad and Homemade rolls
      * A variety of desserts
      * Tea (sweet and not), coffee, and water
      * Ice and setups, if you desire to bring your own wine/spirits
    - Chuck will be collecting the money. You can mail (or drop off) a check {made payable to “Grain Bin Commodities”} to Chuck at his home address, give him cash, or give him a check or cash at the club meeting in November.
  + Nominating Committee. Brad KM4OJK and Yvette AJ4YJ have come up with 4 candidates for office starting 1 Jan 25. The nominees are
    - President Juan Lopez AC6ZM
    - Vice President Chuck Ferguson N4CSF
    - Treasurer Bill Schultz KQ4CDC
    - Secretary Richard Meyer W8CNY

Ben, KN4VIF acknowledged these candidates and asked if there were any floor nominations and there were none.

There was a motion made by Angela, N4RPR to accept the nomination slate as presented and there was a second by John, KB4TV. There were no objections, and the vote carried.

* New Business –

There is a need for a Special Committee – the Audit committee to perform the annual audit of the clubs’ finances to be presented at the January regular meeting of the club. We had 2 volunteers:

Richard, AE4RS

George, WB9TFR

Thank you, Richard and George.

* Announcements (Hamfests, contests, items for sale, etc)

Radio Amateur Club of Knoxville (RACK) is holding a silent auction for one of their members who recently became a SK at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. This event takes place this evening (Oct 17) starting at 6pm. I am told that it is actually across the street in a parking lot, so if you go you should be able to find it.

Cherohala Festival being held on the 26th of October – Mike KK6OKU is looking for some assistance with parking: Contact him or David KF4DKW for more information.

Also on the 26th of October the Ham-O-Ween is being held by the Rhea Count Amateur Radio Club in Evensville TN. The location is 344 Eagle Lane. Bone Yard opens at 6:00 and General Admission at 7:00.

Skywarn – the open house at the NWS Morristown which has been rescheduled due to the weather is now scheduled to take place on November 2, from 10am till 2 pm.

The annual Run LOCO event is again occurring this year. It is on the 7th of December and will again be a half marathon. Contact Tim Montgomery, N4TLM if you wish to participate.

Juan, AC6ZM announced that October kicks off the contesting season and encourages club members to participate and submit logs. This will help you as well as others and who knows – you may win an award.

Juan, AC6ZM also announced that he is going to operate a special event station this Friday Oct 18 at the Ugly Mug in Lenoir City. He says come on out, vote early across the street and then join him in a “Coffee Shop on the Air” event.

Juan, AC6ZM also announced that the ARRL annual auction to sell the equipment that has been tested and published in QST starts Oct 18th, however the website is up now. The money raised goes towards the ARRL education programs.

Jan 25/26 is winter field day, Juan, AC6ZM suggested the possibility of using the Fire Department location as a site for winter field day.

HamFests

Chatanooga Hamfest Fri and Sat Oct 18 and 19th

Friday time 1 – 7

Sat 8:30 – 3

* Adjournment (Motion: George, WB9TFR 2nd: John, KB4TV; Time: 20:10 EDT)