

# TLARC Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

President John Kiley, KB4TV, called the meeting to order at 19:04 EST. The meeting was held at the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department's Training Room.

There was a little confusion as the Training Room had been double-booked with a Fire Department Medical Training Class. We worked out the details as the scheduled class moved out into the Engine Bays to continue their training on other equipment as TLARC used the Training Room for their meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was proclaimed by all present.

## \*\*\*\*\* **PROGRAM SESSION 1** \*\*\*\*\*

Club members were notified via email to come early and participate in a "Tailgate" session located out in one of the Fire Engine Bays. This was Radio equipment from the Barry Johnson Radio Estate, K8NWB-SK. I would like to thank George Herron, N2APB, and Gary Stickel, K4RQT, for arranging this event. Also thanks to the various member that unloaded the truck and displayed the equipment. Radio equipment, parts and pieces were scattered over 30+ linear feet of table space. You just would not believe the goodies that Barry had amassed throughout his time here with us in Tellico Village. Barry was a "Radio Prepper" and was meticulous in bringing together and documenting the best quality he could find in; Transmitters, Receivers, HTs, Power Supplies, Direction Finders, Antennas, and more. If the equipment was fairly new, you could be pretty assured it was very close to "New-In-Box" quality. If it is a Vintage Receiver, there was a really good chance it had been restored by him or another's skillful hands. The honor system was used at the Donation Box.

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

Roll call was made. There were 21 TLARC members present. We had 2 new members join TLARC...

Carol Lacroix, KR4GAQ, Technician Class

Matthew Craig, KR4GAP, Technician Class

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- MINUTES OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING—

The Minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting were accepted with one correction.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion to accept was made by Juan Lopez, AC6ZM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Montgomery, N4TLM.

There was no official TLARC meeting in December due to the TLARC Christmas Party, hence no minutes of that meeting.

- SUNSHINE REPORT—

- George Heron, N2APB, was out with the flu.

- OFFICER REPORTS —

- President, John Kiley, KB4TV:

- John welcomed all and is getting ready to kick-off the New Year.
- Chuck Ferguson, M4CSF, has paid the Tennessee State Corporation fee for 2026 to update files with the new officer names. Cost was \$20.00 plus a \$.47 fee for credit card usage. Total \$20.47 was submitted to the Treasurer for payment.
- The annual subscription to have TLARC listed on the TellicoLife website was \$30.00. The Club Officers agreed and the fee was submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

- Vice President, Sam Howard, KQ4CDC:

- Sam welcomed all.
- Sam handed out some questionnaire forms to everybody present and requested possible topics for future TLARC Meeting Programs or Seminars. Participants were asked to make a list of possible programs and to indicate who the presenter may be. The results will be tabulated and new Seminars will be scheduled.

- Treasurer, Bill Schultz KQ4CDC:

- New Year's TLARC Dues
  - Get ready for another New Year, the dues is still \$20 each. Bill was accepting dues at this meeting.

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- Financial Report
  - Welcome
  - Financial Report
    - Last Month: \$4,366.70 (As of November 30, 2025)
    - Repeater Fund : \$2,500.00
    - General Fund :\$ 2,086.70
    - Dues: \$ 220.00
    - Donations: \$ 0.00
    - Withdrawals: \$ 0.00
    - Grand Total: \$4,566.70 (as of December 31, 2025)
  
- Secretary, Richard Meyer, W8CNY:
  - As a reminder, the computer access code at the Fire Station is:
    - Wifi Password: Welcome21023##
    - User ID: TLARC
    - Password: KN4DUA\$4 (Note the added \$ in the Club's Repeater call sign, the Password is all capital letters)
  
- STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –
  - NET COORDINATOR: Dave Andrews, N1ESK
    - None.
  - REPEATER: David Weikert, KF4DKW
    - None
  - SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS –
    - CHRISTMAS PARTY  
We want to thank Chuck Ferguson, N4CSF, for his effort as the organizer of the TLARC Christmas Party. It was held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cook-n-Craft restaurant in Loudon. About 32 people attended this yearly event. Socializing started at 5:30 and the Dinner was at 6:00.

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## OLD BUSINESS:

- NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The new Officers for 2026 are:

President – John Kiley, KB4TV

Vice President – Sam Howard, KW4TN

Secretary – Richard Meyer, W8CNY (year 2 of 2 year term)

Treasurer – Bill Schultz, KQ4CDC (year 2 of 2 year term)

- NEW BUSINESS:

- STATION RADIO COMMITTEE

A new Committee was created to decide what equipment is needed to install a base station at the Fire Department. The following people volunteered to be on this new committee...

Dave Andrews, N1REB

Ben Poff, KN4VIF

Ted Goodhue, W1EG

Jeff Jason, N2JF

Juan Lopez, AC6ZM

The Committee members are planning to have a sit-down discussion with the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief, Jerry Dougherty. The discussion will be about laying out the groundwork to determine how TLARC and the Fire Department can join forces in an actual emergency situation. This discussion would include the installation, operation, and maintenance of Amateur Radio equipment to be located at the Fire Station.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS (Hamfests, contests, items for sale, etc.)

- Donations: The Fire Department has donated a brand new wall mounted Battery Charger, a Blue Sea Systems, model 7531, that is excess to their needs. It can charge 3 each, 12 volt lead acid batteries in a parallel configuration.

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- SK News
  - Jeff Jayson, N2JF, mentioned the passing of Bob, K1IZT with radio equipment for sale.
  
- HamFests
  - None listed
- Contests
  - None noted.

## \*\*\*\*\* PROGRAM SESSION 2 \*\*\*\*\*

Juan Lopez, AC6ZM, had a presentation about his trip to the island of Monserrat (Zone 8) located in the Caribbean. He and several others from Tennessee were set up on Gingerbread Hill operating in Multi-Single / Low Power mode. Juna talked about the adventurers from traveling there with all his radio equipment, radio and antenna installation, the overnight stays, the food, and the return trip home. It was a very good presentation with plenty of photos and statistics of their contest results.

- MEETING ADJOURNMENT @ 20:30
- 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to accept was made by Sam Howard, KW4TN, 2<sup>nd</sup> by \_\_\_\_??\_\_\_\_.
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- After the meeting the "Tailgate" session continued out in the Fire Engine Bay.