

# TLARC Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026

President John Kiley, KB4TV, called the meeting to order at 19:00 EST. The meeting was held at the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department's Training Room.

The Pledge of Allegiance was proclaimed by all present.

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

Roll call was made. There were 20 TLARC members present and no guests. We had no new members.

- **MINUTES OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING--**

The Minutes of the March 18, 2026 meeting were accepted without corrections:

1<sup>st</sup> Motion to accept was made by John Kiley, KB4TV. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Heron, N2APB.

- **SUNSHINE REPORT--**

- None.

- **OFFICER REPORTS --**

- **President, John Kiley, KB4TV:**

- John welcomed all to the meeting.

- **Vice President, Sam Howard, KQ4CDC:**

- Sam welcomed all.

Sam mentioned that Field Day is coming up on the weekend of June 27-28. The Club would like to hold the event at the Fire Station again, just like last year.

Antenna setup would start on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Then operate for 24 hours on Saturday, June 27, stay overnight, and complete the event on Sunday, June 28. Equipment tear down would happen on Sunday afternoon.

Juan Lopez, AC6ZM, is planning to put up only 2 antennas this year, last year we had 3 antennas,

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- Treasurer, Bill Schultz KQ4CDC:

- Financial Report

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  - Last Month: \$4,966.23 (As of March 31, 2026)
  - Repeater Fund : \$2,500.00
  - General Fund : \$2,606.23
  - Dues: \$ 20.00
  - Donations: \$120.00
  - Grand Total: \$5,106.23 \*\* (as of April 19, 2026)

\*\* Note: Financial Report was updated a few days after the meeting.

\$20.00 in monthly dues was collected at the meeting.

- Secretary, Richard Meyer, W8CNY:

- As a reminder, the computer access code at the Fire Station is:
  - Wifi Password: There is no longer a Wifi Password

- STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- NET COORDINATOR: Dave Andrews, N1ESK
  - Nothing new, just having fun.
- REPEATER: David Weikert, KF4DKW
  - None

- STATION RADIO COMMITTEE

This Committee was created to decide what equipment is needed to install a base station at the Fire Department. An effort has been made to schedule a one-on-one discussion with the Fire Chief, Jerry Dougherty, about the joint project.

The following people volunteered to be on this new committee:

Dave Andrews, N1ESK

Ben Poff, KN4VIF

Ted Goodhue, W1EG

Jeff Jason, N2JF - Leader

Juan Lopez, AC6ZM

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## OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

## • NEW BUSINESS:

### • ANNOUNCEMENTS (Hamfests, contests, items for sale, etc.)

#### • HamFests

- Smokey Mountain Amateur Radio Club's Trunkfest, April 27th
- Ham CB Fest, Clingman Community Center, Ronda, NC – May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Dayton Hamvention, Zenia, OH – May 15<sup>th</sup> – 17th
- Hamfest Chattanooga - October 16 and 17

### • Contests

- POTA-Palooza 2026, Cove Lake State Park, April 25, 2026 at 9 AM.

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

The scheduled program by Mike McMillan, KD9DCW, entitled Report Access via FT8 was deleted at the last minute.

At the last minute, Dave Andrews, N1ESK, Presented a program entitled What You'd Want to Know. He talked about the ten typical questions that come up in the Amateur Radio hobby.

Plus, Richard Meyer, W8CNY, showed the project he is working on for the Hopewell Fire Department that handles the Tellico Village Kahiti area. It is was an underwater drone that he is repairing. He discussed his progress having no documentation, no schematics, or no manuals.

- **ADJOURNMENT** (Motion: Sam Howard, KW4TN. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angela Montgomery, N4RPR, Time: 2010)