

TELLICO LAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020

The November meeting of TLARC was held at the Tellico Village Toqua Pavilion starting at 19:15. A roll call was taken with a total of 15 members and 1 new guest present. Tim Risley lives in the village and received his Tech callsign today; KO4JLL. Tim joined TLARC tonight. Welcome and congratulations Tim. All officers were present.

Sam Howard KV4XY announced the TLARC Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at Tanasi Bar & Grill. We will gather for small talk at 5:30 and order our meals at 6:00. If you plan on attending, please RSVP David N1ESK. Further details will be announced on groups.IO.

Brad Berger KM4OJK gave the treasurers report. After income from dues and donations and previously approved expenses, the ending balance is \$3,337.24. A motion to accept was made by Mike Wagner KK6OKU and seconded by Allan Tarbell K1AT. The motion passed without objection. 2021 dues are now being accepted.

David Andrews N1ESK presented the corrected minutes of the October meeting. A motion to accept was made by Sam KV4XY and seconded by Mike Wagner KK6OKU. The motion passed without objection.

David Weikert KF4DKW reported more recipes have been received for the TLARC Cookbook. Send your submissions to KF4DKW. This will be a fundraiser for a local charity. Forward your recipes now; the deadline is rapidly approaching.

In accordance with Section 5 of the TLARC By-laws, the issues of setting the dues for 2021 was discussed. Following discussion on the matter, Sam KV4XY made the motion to keep the 2021 dues at \$12; the motion was seconded by Randy WK9M. After discussion, a vote was held. The motion failed with 2 yes and 11 no.

After additional discussion, David N1ESK made the motion to raise the dues for 2021 to \$20; the motion was seconded by Mike KK6OKU. After additional discussion, the motion was voted on. The motion unanimously passed with 10 yeas.

N1ESK described the Amazon Smile program, of which TLARC is now a participant. Further details will be published on groups.IO.

Sam KV4XY provided the following report of the Financial Review Committee:

The 2020 TLARC Financial Review Committee (David N1ESK, Dave KN4LMM, and Sam KV4XY) met with the TLARC Treasurer (Brad KM4OJK) on Saturday, November 14, 2020. The Treasurer presented bank statements and receipts for the period of December 2019 through November 14, 2020. The statements and records were reviewed by the TLARC 2020 Financial Review Committee. One minor correction to the text of the Treasurer's

report was noted by the Committee. The February 12, 2020 Treasurer's Report indicated that six (6) dues were received where it should have said four (4). However, the text was a carry-over from an earlier report. The records (three named persons with one paying two years) and deposit evidence were correct at four (4) dues received/deposited in February 2020 period to the report. The Treasurer provided a corrected report. Based upon the review performed, the TLARC 2020 Financial Review Committee is confident that the Treasurer has performed his fiduciary duties and the club's account is in good standing. One recommendation for club consideration is adding a second officer to the bank account, should the Treasurer become incapacitated.

David, KN4LMM asked for any nominations from the floor prior to tonight's election of officers for 2021. The slate of officers announced at the October meeting was read aloud. They are:

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| President: | Mike Wagner KK6OKU |
| Vice-President: | Mike Foley K4MFJ |
| Treasurer: | George Sifnotis WB9TFR |
| Secretary: | Eric Ressler KD8LHZ |

Hearing no further nominations, Sam KV4XY moved to accept the current slate by acclamation. The members enthusiastically approved. Upon approval, David KN4LMM dissolved the Nominating Committee with his thanks.

Mini-topics were reviewed by Sam KV4XY. The Red Cross & ARES performed a comm drill this past weekend; early reports were favorable. There are no upcoming hamfests.

David N1ESK made a motion that TLARC purchase the hardware assets of the existing 442.100 MHz repeater system from Allan Tarbell K1AT, consisting of the equipment agreed upon by the ad-hoc Repeater Committee. The callsign will remain as WB4BSC. Sam KV4XY seconded the motion. David spoke to the motion, with the following points made:

- The ad-hoc Repeater Committee met on November 8th to advance the purchase idea. The committee consisted of David N1ESK, Allan K1AT, David KF4DKW, and Sam KV4XY.
- The equipment list was reviewed, and a site visit was made.
- The committee agreed to advance the idea to the membership with a price of \$2388.
- It was agreed by all the callsign would remain WB4BSC. This callsign belonged to Don Gagley (SK), the father of current TVPOA Public Works Director Jeff Gagley.
- A written agreement has been drawn up and agreed upon by the signatories (KN4LMM & K1AT).

Further discussion and background information was provided by Allan. Noteworthy was the desire to maintain the repeater in full time analog mode, and to ensure that the coverage footprint

not be reduced by any potential future modifications. After further discussion, the membership agreed that it is in our interest at this time to maintain the system as is, with any future changes to be decided by the membership at large, not unilaterally by an individual or committee. The membership heartily agreed. After additional discussion, the motion passed unanimously with 15 yeas.

David N1ESK made a second motion to appoint David KF4DKW as the TLARC Repeater Coordinator. Sam KV4XY seconded this motion. David N1ESK spoke to this motion. The Repeater Coordinator would be an appointed position. He will establish a team to assist in his duties, and will be responsible to notify the TVPOA, SERA, and the FCC of the repeater management changes. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously with 15 yeas.

David N1ESK made a third motion for the TLARC to purchase liability insurance through the ARRL. Mike KK6OKU seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously with 15 yeas.

Mike KK6OKU is looking for fresh faces for the weekly TLARC Net. Do not be afraid; we are all amateurs. Mike created laminated sheets with common TLARC rag chewers and the current NCS/logger schedules. Thanks Mike.

George N2APB thanked the current officers for their service in 2020.

Having no further business, David KN4LMM adjourned the meeting at 20:22.

Respectfully submitted by David Andrews N1ESK, TLARC Secretary.