

ELLICO LAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Minutes of Meeting

February 21, ~~2017~~ 2018 J.T.

1. The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m., by President Sam Howard, with introductions of 25 people present, including new members Bill Cowan and Mike Wagner. Brad Berger gave an update on our Secretary, Brent Martin, who was not present at the meeting. Sam welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Minutes** of the December 20, 2017, dinner meeting held at Z Fish House were approved, following motion by Allan Tarbell and seconded by Brad Berger. We did not have a meeting in January 2018 because the Chota Rec Center was closed due to inclement weather.
3. **Vice President's report.** Juan Lopez highlighted recent contests and is looking forward to more events.
4. **Treasurer's report.** There is no change from the January report, which was previously distributed by email. Checking account balance remains \$640.03. The report was approved following motion made by Steve Fritts and seconded by Brad Berger.
5. **Secretary's report.** Joyce Tarbell reported that several club members attended the funeral of Richard Brooks, W4OQ, on January 20. Some of his radio equipment was donated to the club and was available for the taking at tonight's meeting. A thank-you letter and a sympathy card were sent to Mrs. Brooks.
6. **Old Business.** Sam Howard reported that a Yaesu FT102 donated to the Oak Ridge Children's Museum could not be economically repaired and would be used for spare parts.
7. **New Business.**

Sam Howard presented a draft copy of a proposed 2018 budget showing projected income from dues of \$562. Estimated expenses of \$510 included funds for Field Day, flyers for the Tellico Village Welcome Center and other events, post cards to hams in the area, and website maintenance. We plan to grow the club (membership) and increase revenue. We will vote on the budget at next month's meeting.

Jim Anderson questioned whether the club should have liability insurance. Some clubs have insurance through ARRL; we can also get event insurance for specific events. Dave Johnson stated that the Motorcycle Club looked into liability insurance, and personal liability insurance will not provide coverage for club-related events. It cost approximately \$205 for Motorcycle Club insurance. Juan and Sam will investigate this further.

Juan received a donation of a hand-held radio, and he stated that the first person to get a new license will get the radio for free.

8. There being no further business, upon motion made by Sharron Fritts and seconded by Allan Tarbell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

9. Juan Lopez then presented a program on 2017 in Review, including:

He is investigating the use of the Tellico Village Wellness Center for Field Day. This would provide a more central location with greater public visibility. We could present this as an opportunity to practice our emergency assistance capabilities and get buy-in for installation of antennas. Tim Montgomery will spearhead Field Day, and we need a co-chairman to work with him.

Club members voted purchasing QSL cards from QSLS.com for \$14.99 per 100.

We will schedule a testing session for Saturday April 14.

Upcoming hamfests include Dalton on February 24, Tullahoma, TN, on March 10, and Sevierville on April 21.

The Fort Loudoun Hospital net is Friday February 23.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Joyce A. Tarbell, K1JAT
Acting Secretary