

Minutes of the July 18, 2018 Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Old Business:

The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Z Fish House with 24 members and friends in attendance. President Sam Howard called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

The Treasurers report showed a beginning balance on June 20th of \$796.69; we received a donation of \$20 from David Schoenherr and there were no expenditures (including Field Day on June 23rd), for an ending balance on July 18th of \$816.69. Mike Wagner made a motion to accept the report and Allan Tarbell seconded it. It was passed

Sam asked if there were any revisions to the minutes from the June meeting. There were none, so they were voted to be accepted.

New Business:

Sam mentioned that we are going to be receiving an email with a link for an online survey "The Survey Monkey" no later than August 1st. The objective of the survey is to evaluate how well the current leadership is supporting TLARC membership needs with club activities to date and to solicit suggestions for new or improved activities for the club. If possible, please complete the survey no later than August 10th so the results can be prepared for presentation during the August TLARC meeting

Sam mentioned that one activity that is currently in the planning stages is a trip to the Asheville Radio Museum (<https://www.avlradiomuseum.org/>) in September.

Sam also mentioned that the election of officers for 2019 will be held by electronic means in December. There will also be a dinner December 19th (the third Wednesday).

George Heron mentioned that he has a 19" rack available for free if anybody needs one.

Sam then reviewed Field Day which was June 23rd.

- We had 28 people sign in, including 5 of the 7 of the dignitaries that we invited. Five of them **Got on the Air** on the GOTA station and seemed to enjoy the experience. All of them were very complimentary and made laudable comments about Field Day. Most didn't realize that the assets of ARES and TLARC are available for emergency communications and to support community activities.
- Although the emphasis of Field Day 2018 was to have fun and impart operating skills, we did improve our contest score from last year. Last year we had a total score of 1,422 (QSO's and Bonus points).

This year we had 1,644. There were 220 CW QSOs, 44 digital QSOs and 246 on the GOTA station for a total of 558 QSOs total on all bands

- Sam asked for suggestions for next year. Some of the ideas mentioned were that the transmitters be in an air conditioned space and have an area where people could rest. Some suggested we look for a different location for next year. One of the members mentioned that we add other activities that the community might be interested in. Specifically, he had been to a Field Day where they had an RC Plane club doing flying demos, and at night they had set up some star gazing telescopes people could look through.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm as the presenter for the evening was unexpectedly on travel.

Respectfully submitted, Brent Martin, Secretary