

## Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Tellico Lake Amateur Club

### Old Business

- V.P. Juan Lopez called the September meeting to order at 7:07 after dinner at Classicos. There were 22 members and friends in attendance
- There was a motion to approve last month's minutes by Allan Tarbell and seconded by David Schoenherr and it passed.
- The Treasurer, Joyce Tarbell reported that the checking account balance as of the meeting time was \$817.65. She had received some dues that evening which were not in that balance. She also reported that we have 1 new member Kevin Savage K7PCP, General, and 1 new Friend who is working on his Tech ticket, Terry L. Marlar.
- Joyce also reported the results of the Nominating committee meeting for Officers for 2019. For **President, Juan Lopez; for V.P. David Schoenherr; for Treasurer, Brad Berger. At the time of the meeting, there was no suggested candidate for Secretary. After the meeting, Angela Montgomery volunteered to be a candidate for the Secretary position.** The other members of the Nominating Committee in addition to Joyce were: David Weikert, Angela Montgomery and Dale Stewart. The election of the 2019 Officers will be held at the November meeting.
- V.P. Lopez mentioned that he is still working on a **tour of a radio museum in Asheville, N.C.** for some time in the next 2 months. We would have breakfast together and then either carpool or rent a van to travel to Asheville for a guided tour of the Radio Museum, which would include some historically significant pieces of radio equipment. We would return in late afternoon. Juan will send out an email with more details.
- Juan reported that we have received and used the new Club QSL cards.
- Juan is looking at HamClubOnline.com as a free online management system available to handle many of the club's administrative tasks like membership rosters, dues, minutes, etc. It could also be used for items of interest like publications, videos, events, reminders, etc. The cost is free. Members should be on the lookout for an email from HamClubOnline.com indicating that they have been added to the club roster.
- Juan reported that there was a large group at his shack for the Tennessee QSO party. They made contacts in several counties and there was a rover out that covered 440 miles in 11 hours.
- Tim Montgomery mentioned that there is going to be a Marathon, ½ Marathon and 5K run in Loudon County on December 1st to benefit **the Loudon County Health Improvement Council.** They have asked if we could help with communication and SAG's. Tim needs to know the level of interest in the club to help out. Accordingly, I have emailed the details to the members and friends of the club. If you can help out, please contact Tim and let him know.
- Allan and Joyce Tarbell brought a box of free ham related books to the meeting from a man in the village that is disabled and no longer involved in amateur radio. They were all distributed.

### New Business

- Joyce Tarbell mentioned that we need to be thinking about **the annual Christmas Party** and get a room reserved someplace. There was a discussion about it and the group seemed to think the Kinfolk restaurant where we went last year had worked out well and we should check with them for date availability.
- On the contest calendar for September 29<sup>th</sup>, there is a CQ Worldwide DX RTTY contest, the Texas QSO Party and the Feld Hell Sprint (Digital Mode). Juan again has offered to host a party in his shack. Bring your own drinks and some munchies. We will get an email out about it.

- September 29<sup>th</sup>, a group from Sweetwater is having a tailgate hamfest. It starts at 8 a.m. and there will be free coffee and donuts. You should have received an email about it and Juan will send out a HamClubOnline notice.
- Mike Foley and Mike Wagner moved and seconded that we adjourn the business meeting. It passed.
- **The first presentation** and discussion was about **2018 Field Day**. V.P. Lopez had arranged for an online survey of members to see how the attendees felt about the day. It was held at the Loudon County Emergency Operation Center in Loudon. It was our understanding before Field Day that because the EOC and 911 Centers are secure facilities, only members and the families of TLARC or Loudon County ARES members would be allowed on site. As a result, there were only 28 people in attendance including 18 members of either TLARC or ARES or both. The survey had returns from 15 of the 18. In general, all the questions were answered positively with responses of excellent or very good on most issues. There were several suggestions for future field days. The survey results are located at the survey monkey website located at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-GTC7QDSHL/>
- **The second presentation** was a demonstration by Juan of Web based Software Defined Radio resources. He used the freely available "**WebSDR.Org**" website on a pc and an Android cellular phone using web browsers to demonstrate their capabilities. Live real time QSO's were monitored during the presentation in SSB, CW, Digital, and AM modes. The website generates a waterfall where we can see and copy all the activities and stations on all of the ham bands. It was very interesting watching Juan tune around all the bands and all the modes on his phone and laptop. It appeared to be a very powerful tool to find stations and QTH's that you might need or want to communicate with. **It's free!**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27. Thanks to Juan for carrying the meeting and the presentations.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Martin, Secretary.

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