

# January 2014 TARC Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2014

**Meeting called to order** by President Herb Champion, KG4BJH

Herb invited members present to introduce themselves and give their call sign.

## **Roll Call of Officers:**

√**President: Herb Champion, KG4BJH**, in attendance

## **Vice President:**

√**Secretary / Treasurer, Michael Krueger, KI40XX**, in Attendance

√**Repeater Trustee: David Drummond, W4MD**, in attendance

**Membership:** Signed in on sign-in sheet.

## **Old Business:**

David Mize, KK4HQT accepted the nomination for Vice President.

Motion by Tommy Howell and seconded by David Drummond.

Question called and passed.

Mike read a letter from Walt White regarding the Nicolas Wilson Memorial Tashka 50K, 25K, and 4 mile run at Lake Lurleen on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am. Letter attached to minutes.

Sign-up sheet for volunteer Communicators was circulated.

Review of Club Christmas Party at Billy's Sports Bar. Those in attendance enjoyed it.

**New Business:** no new business discussed.

**Treasures Report:** by Michael Krueger, KI4OXX

Mike reported that all accounts are reconciled and there are no outstanding checks.

He also remarked that there were 10 renewals to date and he would receive renewals at the meeting.

**Repeater Trustee / Net Manager:** by David Drummond, W4MD

David reported the 146.820 repeater, operating at 50 watts is performing well.

He is still on the lookout for a stronger amplifier, but all is well with the present equipment.

**Guest Speaker / Program for the Evening:**

Everett Sharp N8CNP gave a very informative and detailed Power Point Presentation on **Building a Loop Antenna**. His discourse explained the fundamentals and circuit design that he used. A question and answer period followed his presentation.

# February 2014 TARC Meeting Minutes

February 2014 Minutes:

**Meeting called to order by President: Herb Champion, KG4BJF**

**Members present:**

**President: Herb Champion, KG4BJF** in attendance

**Vice President: David Mize, KK4 HQT** in attendance

**Secretary / Treasurer, Michael Krueger, KI40XX** in attendance

**Repeater Trustee: David Drummond, W4MD** in attendance

Mike informed the members that the insurance invoice for TARC Radio Equipment was received. The amount is \$132.00, after a review it was determined to send a check for the renewal amount.

Also he commented that a post card for annual dues reminder needs to be sent out before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March as per Club By-Laws. After discussion it was suggested to review past membership rosters and compile list non-renewing members. Mike will complete this task.

Other areas of discussion:

- Dues increase, some discussion, no further action to be taken.
- David Drummond suggested that we return to a policy of providing a club roster for the membership. Mike will create and organize a database of club members and print a current roster for the membership.
- Herb Champion questioned if we had a budget and what expenses the club has.

Three items that are current expenses are:

Web Site hosting                      \$92.00                      (approx.)

Radio Equipment Insurance    \$132.00

Field Day Cost (food)                      \$100.00                      (approx.)

- Repeater funding and new equipment purchases was discussed, David Drummond remarked that through the generosity of membership and bequeathed radio equipment that is sold for monies that are deposited into the Repeater Fund.

He also commented that top of his wish list is a new amplifier for the 146.820 machine.

- Joel Black sent in a proposal for establishing a Digi Repeater in Tuscaloosa. David Drummond gave a brief review of what a Digi Repeater is and the cost to build one. After some discussion it was decided that this would be brought up at the next club meeting.

Some other topics that were discussed and decided to bring up to the membership at the next club meeting:

- David Mize suggested to move the publishing of the Hamsay from monthly to quarterly, he said this would give him more time improve content and further develop the Multi-Media edition.
- Seek a Field Say Chairman.
- Query interest in Special Event Station and Fox Hunts.

# Club Minutes March 10, 2014

**Meeting called to order** by President Herb Champion, KG4BJH

Herb invited members present to introduce themselves and give their call sign.

## **Roll Call of Officers:**

√**President: Herb Champion, KG4BJH** in attendance

√**Vice President: David Mize, KK4HQT** in attendance

√**Secretary / Treasurer, Michael Krueger, KI40XX** in attendance

√**Repeater Trustee: David Drummond, W4MD** in attendance

**Membership:** Signed in on sign-in sheet.

## **Old Business:**

Herb reviewed the topics that were discussed at the last Board Meeting.

After some discussion motions were made and voted upon.

## **New Business:**

- Motion by David Drummond to change the publishing of the Hamsay from monthly to quarterly with the next edition to be published in April.

Seconded by Rusty Hoyt, motion called and passed.

- Motion by Keith Hess to publish a current membership roster quarterly to be included or attached to the Hamsay.

Seconded by Cabiness, motion called and passed.

Herb asked for volunteers for Field Day Chairman, after some discussion Todd Kirby agreed to head up the committee. Rusty Lee and Mike Krueger offer their support as well.

It was mentioned that the past site that was used for field day may not be available this year. Todd will explore the issue and report back at the next meeting. Another topic that was discussed was whether to build a Digi Repeater, this was discussed and the consensus was there wasn't any interest in doing it.

**Treasures Report:** by Michael Krueger, KI4OXX

Mike reported all accounts reconciled with one outstanding check of \$132.00 for Equipment insurance.

Paid dues are a total of 27, regular and family memberships.

**Repeater Trustee / Net Manager:** by David Drummond, W4MD

David reported that the 146.820 machine was operating well. He also commented that there are still some lingering glitches with the Link Controller software.

David also asked for volunteers to call the Sunday Night Net. Herb mentioned how rewarding it was to call the net and encouraged members to give it a try.

Donations for the repeater fund are needed and they are the main source of funds to keep us on the air.

The Surprise drawing of the night was a HF Digital Handbook, won by Mike Krueger KI4OXX.

### **Coming Events:**

April Meeting, D-Star 101, presented by Tommy Howell and David Drummond

May Meeting, Sever storm preparedness, presented by Wes Wyatt.

# Club Minutes May 4, 2014

**Meeting called to order** by Vice President David Mize, KK4HQT

David invited members present to introduce themselves and give their call sign.

## **Roll Call of Officers:**

✓ **President: Herb Champion, KG4BJH** arrived after meeting started

✓ **Vice President: David Mize, KK4HQT** in attendance

✓ **Secretary / Treasurer, Michael Krueger, KI40XX** in attendance

✓ **Repeater Trustee: David Drummond, W4MD** in attendance

**Membership:** Signed in on sign-in sheet.

## **Old Business:**

Field Day report update by Todd Kirby, KK4CHT

Volunteers are requested for setting up equipment and antennas on Saturday morning, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Specifics will be detailed at the June 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 Club Meeting.

Everett Sharp, N8CNP volunteered to make 2 wire antennas for Field Day. He requested a couple of volunteers to meet at his home 6710 Dunbarton Drive (205 758-1545) at 8:00am Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> to help him with the construction of the antennas. Coffee pot will be on.

Todd will co-ordinate reimbursement of expenses for Field Day.

This year we will operate (2A) 2 stations on generator power, we will use the club call sign W4XI.

## **New Business:**

Rusty Lee commented that Tom Hardison wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming Alabama QSO Party on June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. We could set up station or operate individually. Details can be found on the [www.alabamagsoparty.org](http://www.alabamagsoparty.org) web site.

**Treasures Report:** by Michael Krueger, KI4OXX

Club bank account reconciled with no outstanding checks.

Membership status is 36 regular and 8 family for a total of 46 members.

**Repeater Trustee / Net Manager:** by David Drummond, W4MD

Repeater 146.820 is on the air with no issues.

The weather net was activated on April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> the net managers took call-ins and reported the progress of the storm. Good response from the community.

**Guest Speaker / Program for the Evening:**

Tonight's guest speaker was Wes Wyatt from FOX SIX NEWS. Wes gave an outstanding presentation on the recent weather events we have experienced and the important role that local Hams play in reporting the on the ground conditions and progress of the storm.



# Club Minutes June 9, 2014

**Meeting called to order** by Vice President David Mize

David invited members present to introduce themselves and give their call sign.

## **Roll Call of Officers:**

**President:** Herb Champion, KG4BJH not in attendance

**Vice President:** David Mize, KK4HQT in attendance

**Secretary / Treasurer,** Michael Krueger, KI4OXX in attendance

**Repeater Trustee:** David Drummond, W4MD in attendance

**Membership:** Signed in on sign-in sheet.

## **Old Business:** Field Day up-date, By Todd Kirby, KK4CHT

Todd passed out a hand out sheet (attached) that listed current assignments and items needed for Field Day.

Also we will participate as a 2-A station and our call sign will be W4XI. We will operate from 1:00pm Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> until 1:00pm Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Everett Sharp, N8CNP will provide an Icom 718 for use at one of the stations.

Jeff Maxwell, KK4SXA will try and get some gasoline donated for the generators.

Mike Krueger KI4OXX will provide a Pop-up for use.

Todd will arrange to have food (Bar B Q from BAMA Bar B Q) for the dinner meal delivered and buy some bottled water.

We will meet Friday at 6:00pm on site (in the field across the Emergency Room Entrance parking lot at Northport DCH) to check out the grounds and Saturday at 8:00am at Chick-Fil-A Northport for a biscuit, then to the site for set-up.

Mike will have cash available for reimbursement of approved Field Day expenses.

## **New Business:**

David Mize mentioned that Officers for 2015 term will be needed and also that due to his work schedule he would not be able to continue on as Hamsay Editor and asked for a volunteer to step forward to replace him.

Everett Sharp asked if there was a Membership Guide available for distribution.

After some discussion it was decided to provide this information on our web site.

**Treasures Report:** by Michael Krueger, KI4OXX

Club Bank Account is reconciled

Membership Status: 36 Regular & 9 Family for a total of 45 Members.

**Repeater Trustee / Net Manager:** by David Drummond, W4MD

David reported the 146.820 repeater was up and running and he also asked for volunteers to call the Sunday WAEN.

**Guest Speaker / Program for the Evening:**

Field Day Planning: by Todd Kirby

# Club Minutes July 14 , 2014

**Meeting called to order** by President Herb Champion, KG4BJH

Herb invited members present to introduce themselves and give their call sign.

## **Roll Call of Officers:**

**President:** Herb Champion, KG4BJH in attendance

**Vice President:** David Mize, KK4HQT in attendance

**Secretary / Treasurer,** Michael Krueger, KI40XX in attendance

**Repeater Trustee:** David Drummond, W4MD not in attendance

**Membership:** Signed in on sign-in sheet

## **Old Business:**

Review of Field Day, see Program for the Evening

## **New Business:**

TARC profile was updated on Arrl.org, an interesting note; TARC has been an affiliate member since November 20, 1953.

Everett Sharp, N8CNP suggested that the club look into using the new Archery Pavilion on North Ridge Road as a possible site for next year's Field Day. David Mize, KK4HQT will investigate this and report back at or next meeting.

## **Treasures Report:** by Michael Krueger, KI4OXX

Club Account reconciled, 1 check for \$22.15 for shipping amp back to manufacture, David Drummond and 1 check for \$279.81 for Field Day Supplies (food & water) Todd Kirby.

Tommy Howell, KG4MPU reported that our Web Site / Domain renewal is due.

We had 2 renewals at Field and a contribution to the Repeater Fund.

Our membership stands at 38 Regular & 9 Family giving us a total of 47 paid members.

**Repeater Trustee / Net Manager:** by David Drummond, W4MD

No report

**Guest Speaker / Program for the Evening:**

Todd Kirby Reviewed the contacts completed at this year's Field (see second page) and showed photos of the setup, operating and take down activities during the day.

Tommy Howell Jr. videoed an interview with the Northport Mayor, Bobby Herndon and On the Air Action. David Mize produced a video of the day's activities.

Field Day 2014 Contact Results

Tuscaloosa Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

November 10 th , 2014

Meeting called to order by President Herb Champion, KG4BJH

Herb invited members present to introduce themselves and give their call sign.

Roll Call of Officers:

President: Herb Champion, KG4BJH in attendance

Vice President: David Mize, KK4HQT excused

Secretary / Treasurer, Michael Krueger, KI4OXX in attendance

Repeater Trustee: David Drummond, W4MD in attendance

Membership:

Signed in on sign-in sheet.

Old Business: Elections of Officers, the following candidates were nominated:

President open

Vice President open

Secretary / Treasurer, Michael Krueger, KI4OXX

Repeater Trustee, David Drummond, W4MD

Being no candidates were nominated for the President and Vice President positions a motion was offered to table nomination to the December 8 th 2014 meeting, Motion to table the nominations was approved.

New Business:

The membership voted to have our Christmas Party at Billy's Sport Grill in Northport starting at 6:00pm December 8 th , 2014. All Ham's are invited.

We will do a gift exchange, Radio related item for the Ham's and a Woman item for the Ladies. Gifts should be nominally priced, \$5.00-\$10.00 range.

Motion by David Drummond W4MD and seconded by Tommy Howell KG4MPU to purchase a 150 watt power amplifier for the 146.820 repeater system.

Estimated price range of \$1500.00. The amplifier would be paid for with the money from the repeater fund and supplement the balance from the general fund.

When the TE System 400 watt amplifier is sold the proceeds would be deposited to the general fund.

Treasures Report: by Michael Krueger, KI4OXX

Club accounts are reconciled.

1 membership renewals for 2015, Dorothy Crownover, N4FWK.

Repeater Trustee / Net Manager: by David Drummond, W4MD

David reported that he is making the schedule for 2015 and would like to have some new people participate as net control operators.

He remarked that there is an average of 30 call-ins per night and the majority of the call-ins are non TARC Members.

He also commented that the 2014 Field Day results placed TARC 3 rd , middle of the pack for Stations running 2A.

The TE System 400 Watt Amplifier is for sale.

In review of our last year's activities David questioned the need of a web page and publishing of the Hamsay.