

Tuscaloosa Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Meeting, February 10th, 2020

Members Present:

Stan Lee, KF4DGS (President)
Robby Workman, AC4RW (Vice President)
Jeff Maxwell, KK4SXA
Brian Rice, unlicensed visitor
Eddie Lary, WS4I
James Sturdivant, KN4KYZ
Laura Sturdivant, KN4UOC
Jack Rigsby, KC4LKT
Vince Busche, KG4EES
Michael Krueger, KI4OXX
Barry Newsom, KN4JEL

As Stan (KF4DGS) was not yet in attendance due to work running late, Robby (AC4RW) called the meeting to order and invited everyone to introduce themselves and give callsigns.

Wes Wyatt was scheduled to be here tonight but had to reschedule due to ongoing flooding and general weather concerns; Robby will handle rescheduling, hopefully for April.

Old Business

Robby and Eddie (WS4I) are going to arrange pickup of the old ham equipment from the former Stuckey residence and store it until the Black Warrior Hamfest; all proceeds from the sale of such equipment will be remitted to TARC.

Treasurer Report

Rob, KN4VZR, the TARC Treasurer could not be in attendance tonight but reported via email (which was not seen until after the meeting) that all accounts are reconciled.

Repeater Trustee

Tommy reported via Robby that all repeaters are operating within expected parameters. There was a recent problem with the 440 D-STAR machine that was solved by a reboot. Tommy stressed that if anyone becomes aware of a problem with any of our repeaters to please report it as soon as possible.

Net Manager

Robby reported that WAEN is continuing to get around 30 check-ins per session, which is expected but could of course be better. Robby solicited additional Net Control Stations.

New Business

Robby reported on discussion amongst TARC officers about the contents of the club roster and what, if any, information should be released publicly versus TARC members. Consensus was that callsigns and names could be public, but other information needs explicit consent from members for release. Rob will be working on contacting everyone for that, and then we'll get a club roster out to all members.

The National Weather Service will be hosting a SKYWARN Storm Spotter Course on February 24th at 6:30PM ; the course is online only.

Eddie Lary (WS4I) advised that there will be an Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) course offered at the Alabama Fire College on April 4th and 5th ; prerequisites for the course are several FEMA Independent Study options.

Hamfest in Birmingham is March 6th and 7th.

Stan reminded everyone about the Black Warrior Hamfest coming up on May 2nd to be held at TCHS. A community meeting will be held tomorrow night (February 11th) at Mr. Bill's.

Vince (KG4EES) asked about Field Day location – do we still want to do it at Civitan Park? After a short discussion among members present, it was decided that we will continue at Civitan Park, so Vince is going to reserve it for Field Day weekend.

(Motion by Vince, Second by James KN4KYZ, all in favor)

Robby asked for ideas on activities/topics for future meetings. Suggestions included:

- * digital HF (FT8, PSK31)
- * Go-Kits (construction, demo, etcetera)
- * General Q&A Session (like a discussion panel but less formal)
- * How to Solder e.g. UHF/PL-259 Connectors