

## TARC Minutes 20260112

Members introduced themselves with callsign and name. Members present were as follows:

AC4RW, KQ4HBX, AG4H, KG4MPU, KQ4PYW, KR4IQD, KF4DGS, KC5NMB, AE4AL, KC4PCZ, K4MJW, KE4USL, N4UFE, KQ4HJL, KQ4IWR, and one guest, Mr. Chuck Gross.

KN4VZR gave an overview of the meeting agenda for tonight.

AC4RW gave the financial report.

KG4MPU got the new amplifier installed on the 146.820 repeater.

AA1AL was not present, but nets are functioning well.

KN4VZR gave a heads-up on upcoming events related to amateur radio (local events, contests, etcetera). Winter Field Day will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

KN4VZR reminded everyone of the NCS schedule for the remainder of the month.

KN4VZR reminded everyone that he sent out a message to all members via WinLink email and advised everyone to check that if able. He also mentioned that if any members would like to participate but need assistance to let him know.

KF4DGS gave an overview of ARES and recommended the EC-001 course for anyone interested.

KF4DGS reminded everyone of the Winter Field Day event on his property on Old Fayette Road. GPS pin is linked on the TARC website under "Upcoming Events"

AG4H mentioned the ability of each state's ability to operate as W1AW this year to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Alabama has February 4th-11th and August 19th-25th. For more information, see [alabamacontestgroup.org](http://alabamacontestgroup.org)

KN4VZR mentioned that we are in the declining part of the current sunspot cycle along with some discussion of how that will affect amateur radio operation, especially in the upper HF bands.

Meeting adjourned.