

Tuscaloosa Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 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 8th 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 8th, 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 3rd, 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.

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Continuing on he spoke to the Memorandum of Understanding that TARC has with DCH Regional and DCH Northport. He reviewed the responsibilities and benefits of the MOU.

We will provide Emergency Communicators to man the equipment at the Communication Centers at DCH Regional and DCH Northport Hospitals during an emergency event and maintain the equipment.

In return they have provided a meeting room for TARC meetings, a location with tent, tables and chairs for Field Day exercise and antenna tower and equipment space in the White Building.

A member questioned whether or not we could use the Communication Center for a special event station, David responded yes.

And it was suggested that we decide on a location for our Saturday QSO.