

# Tuscaloosa Amateur Radio Club

Minutes

August 13th, 2018

**Meeting called to order** by President Jeff Maxwell, KK4SXA

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

**Roll Call of Officers:**

√**President: Jeff Maxwell, KK4SXA**

√**Vice President: David Prestridge, KM4UGI**

√**Secretary / Treasurer: Michael Krueger, KI4OXX**

√**Repeater Trustee: Tommy Howell, KG4MPU**

√**Net Manager: Robert Workman, W9RLW**

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

**Old Business:**

Reviewed the expenses for Field Day, Food and drink \$110.63 and donation to Civitan Club for use of facilities, \$150.00.

**New Business:**

Robby announced the Technician Class is scheduled for September 10th, 17th, 24th and October 1st, 8th, 15th. From 6:00 to 7:00pm. VE testing will be held on October 15th at 7:00pm. Classes and test will be held at Northport Medical Center in the Faucett Room. Robby introduced a motion, as an incentive for new membership, to offer to pay for VE Testing for Technician class students if they joined TARC, seconded by Tommy, pros and cons were discussed, question called and passed.

Stan Lee announced a meeting for the Hamfest will be held at Mr. Bills Restaurant in Northport on October 23rd, at 6:00pm. Also he mentioned anyone wishing to reserve an inside table the cost will be \$10.00, first come first serve.

**Treasurer's Report:**

All accounts reconciled

Check drafted for Civitan Club for \$150.00 and given to Vince Busche to present to Civitan Club.

**Repeater Trustee:**

Tommy reported that the 443.850 repeater is finished. He tried all his magic tricks but was unable to fix it. As a temporary measure Tommy installed his personal repeater as a courtesy until a replacement is purchased. Questioned as to cost of a replacement, he said it would be around \$3000.00.

Motion by Stan Lee to authorize spending \$3000.00 for a replacement unit. Seconded by Robby Workman, Discussion on make, type and options, question called and passed.

Tommy will research what is available and report back

Also Tommy reported the internet connection is no longer active, after some phone calls it was determined that we would have to subscribe to Comcast for this service. Tommy will inquire about this and report back.

Motion by Robby Workman to authorize up to \$500.00 per year for internet service, seconded by Stan Lee, discussion, question called and passed.

**Net Manager:**

√ Denotes attended the meeting

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Robby asked for new Sunday Night Net Callers, Wade Robbins stepped up and volunteered.

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

Wes Wyatt of WBRC Fox News gave us a behind the scenes tour of Fox 6 Weather Central. He introduced his colleagues and explained their State of the Art equipment they use in predicting the weather. He also commented that Fox 6 Weather is a leader in the area in covering the weather events. Wes discussed various local weather events throughout the year with pictures of storm damage.

In closing Wes invited members to follow him on Facebook and Twitter. He uses Social Media to stay connected with the "Troops on the Ground" and thanked us for the work that we do in gathering information and reporting it.