

# Tuscaloosa Amateur Radio Club

## Agenda

April 8th, 2019

**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: Robert Workman, AC4RW**

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

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

√**Net Manager: Robert Workman, AC4RW**

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

32 Regular, 7 Family for a total of 39 paid memberships.

### **Old Business:**

Eddie Lary WS4I, gave a status report on the 2 Meter antenna system located at Northport Medical Center, Communication Room.

It was determined that the antenna was at fault for the static and noise while transmitting. With a trove of helpers, Eddie, Joel Henderson, Bob Hudson, Dennis South, Robby Workman, David Prestridge and yours truly installed a new 2 meter antenna. System was tested and deemed serviceable by lead engineer Joel Henderson.

### **New Business:**

The Northport Civitan Center, was selected as our site for Field Day, June 22nd and 23rd, 2019.

Everett Sharp, N4CY, will provide 2 radios, 2 antennas and 3 computers for the event. A work session will be scheduled in the near future to help Everett with building the antennas.

We will be using the W4XI call sign for the event.

Motion by Robby Workman, AC4RW, to budget \$250.00 for food and expenses and make a donation of \$150.00 to the Civitan Club for use of the facilities. Motion seconded and passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

All accounts reconciled

### **Repeater Trustee:**

Tommy Howell, KG4MPU reported the 146.820 repeater was online and working well.

When calling into the Sumter County Sunday Net, be patient and give the equipment time to sync.

### **Net Manager:**

Robby Workman reported 26 call ins on last Sunday Emergency Net.

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

D Star is the topic for tonight's meeting, El Erby, K4DJL was our special guest and he brought us up on all the latest D Star news as well as reviewing the new Digital Radio protocols and gadgets to network radios. RT System, D Star Calc, and Pi Star to name a few.

√ Denotes attended the meeting

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Grady Evans, W4GLE, stopped by to “Show and Tell” his latest project, Jumbo Spot. He has some available for sale.

Stan Lee, KF4DGS reported the Black Warrior Hamfest needs volunteers to help with putting the event on, 2 to 4 hour shift gets you in the door free. He has tickets for door prizes.

Bill Engelke, AB4EJ, spoke on a project he is involved with, Personal Space Weather Station. A system of small digital radios, receive only, that will collect weather data world wide.