

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) Post #33 W9TAL

Meeting Minutes
1500 on 16 Feb. 2019 – Meeting

Opening

Weekly meeting of The American Legion Amateur Radio Club at Post #33, W9TAL. Ideas and discussions below will be followed up upon and reviewed.

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) Post #33 W9TAL was called to order at 1500 on 16 Feb. 2019 – Meeting by Joe Tokarz (KB9EZZ).

Present

Joe Tokarz (KB9EZZ)-President, Treasurer and Membership chair. Matthew Weaver (KB9VZH)-VP, Secretary and Trustee. Members: John Duback-Adjutant. Pat Ryan (KC6VVT), Roger Hallowell (KC9KVV).

Guests

None

Approval of Agenda

Joe approved of agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Joe read the minutes due to file not being found.

Roger approved with a second by Pat

Open Issues / Old Business

- Antenna party held prior to meeting. Tested 80M end fed, found problems with coax connection that may have effected SWR and contacts. Also tested a new portable HF antenna Matt brought and donated. Perfect SWR on 40/80M.
- TALARC Special event will be held Sat. March 9th. With ops on HF and Echolink. Noon to 4PM central time for the Legion 100th anniversary.
- John requests us to use his personal email for future comms due to size limitations on the servers.
- Matt spoke with Maggie Frost from WCMY 1430. She is available for interview weekdays Noon to 3PM. Interview will air twice. Once on the morning show and a second time on the afternoon drive, the next day.
- We decided to schedule the interview Thursday or Friday

- Matt announced we have been approved for our new call by the FCC. We are now W9TAL.
- Pat mentioned he did a search for the TALARC clubs and numbers are growing.
- Joe praised Matt for obtaining the new callsign.

Announcements or Entertainment

- Joe brought equipment for a Winlink demo if anyone is interested.

New Business

- We now have a good antenna with the portable, we need to test the wire again after fixing coax.
- Joe thanks John for getting us a location upstairs to place equipment and a meeting place.
- Joe said he has sent email to trustees and board members several times for approval of room use and other items with no reply. John said we have approval, we just need to get it in the books. A reminder Legion activity take priority.
- Need to clarify if March 9th is approved.
- John will work on the 100th Anniversary and open house for the National and Post 33. Wants to do a full page in the paper at a cost.
- Discussed moving March meeting to the 9th to align with the TALARC event.
- Joe will request a change of dates with the trustees and board.
- Matt purchased a cabinet for storage of donated radio equipment. Will be delivered next week.
- Joe will investigate QSL cards. Dwight will be contacted to see if he can do them.
- Joe to contact National about the use of the logos. Will ask about cost.
- Matt asked John about his QSL card and cert. form the last event station. Joe volunteered to help him clean the office area Tuesday.
- We will seek approval for the next meeting to be March 9th at Noon, prior to our special event station.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Review all above open topics.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1554 approved by Matt with a second by John. The next general meeting will be at 1200 on 9 March. 2019, (pending approval) in the 1st. floor meeting room at Post #33.

Minutes submitted by: Matthew Weaver, VP, SEC, Trustee (KB9VZH)

Approved by: Joe Tokarz
(KB9EZZ)