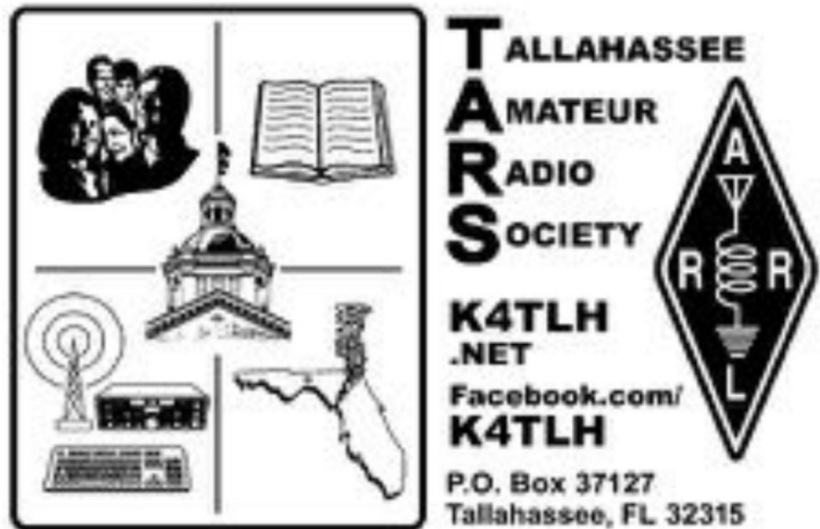


Please see the meeting minutes from the May 2021 club meeting provided below and the most recent Treasurer's Report.



Minutes of the June 3, 2021 TARS Meeting

Compiled and Submitted by: Todd Clark (KN4FCC) – TARS Secretary

(Note: The business portion of the meeting was conducted via radio net due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the June 2021 Meeting, the entire meeting was held on the 147.03 repeater, K4TLH.

Call to Order: Gerry Gross (WA6POZ), as net control, opened the meeting net at 7PM local time on the 147.03 MHz repeater. Check-ins from:

K4GFD – Norm
AG4UU – RANDY
K4JGC 0 Jim
KK4SIH – Don
KN4UXJ – Larry
KO4QEC – Mike
KD4MOJ – Doug
K4KRV – Keith
KN4FCC – Todd
KO4KSV – Bob
K4NRD – Pat
KB2NUI – David

KN4BRR – Richard
W1JXG – Dan
KN4WOW – Ed
WA4TEO – Richard
KC4EMS – Jack
K4SBZ – Stan
N4JL – Jerry
AD5E – Steve
N4KGT – Alan
WA6POZ – Gerry
NT4B – BOB

Business Meeting:

Don (KK4SIH) opened the meeting at 7:04pm. Don stated that there would be no formal presentation on Zoom. The treasure's report and meeting minutes from May were sent out earlier.

Approval of the May Meeting Minutes: Don asked if there were any corrections or changes? Nothing heard, the meeting minutes for May are approved.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – Doug – KD4MOJ: Treasure's report previously sent out. No new members or dues, there was support from Amazon purchases for \$21.50. And there was \$80.63 for repeater maintenance. Doug asked if there were any questions. Nothing heard.

Education – Phil - N4IPH: Phil stated that no classes are scheduled. We will hold classes as soon as we get permission from the Red Cross to use their building to hold the classes.

Testing Coordinator – Gerry – WA6POZ – May exam had 5 applicants in the morning session; 3 Generals and 2 Techs, next session on Field Day and on **July 10** (10AM and 1PM, as necessary). Staff and volunteers at the Red Cross may be at the building without masks if they are vaccinated. The building may be opened back up in late summer, maybe earlier. N4JL asked how to make reservations for a test. Gerry stated that you need to send an email to tallyTARSVE@gmail.com to make a test spot reservation. Plenty of room now, only one person signed up for the Field Day morning exam.

Repeater Committee – Randy – AG4UU: Randy reported that funds were spent for the backup to the 147.03 repeater. Also the 6m repeater is up, located on Tram Road and 94.8 is the PL tone. All PM for the repeaters will be completed prior to hurricane season. Just need to do a potential replacement for the repeater at the Capital Regional Medical Center. Don thanked Randy and the repeater trustees for their work.

Old Business

Printed Circuit Editor -- still looking for a volunteer. In the absence of an editor, we will just send out the meeting minutes and the financial report via email. Don asked if anyone on the net was interested. Nothing heard, Don said you can send an email to him or to the club email address if anyone has questions or wants to volunteer.

Spaghetti 100 coordinator – looking for a volunteer. KN4FCC volunteered. Stan has materials from two years ago and will provide the materials to Todd. Stan stated that the race event coordinator and the cyclists really appreciate the support of the amateur radio operators in helping to provide communications at their event. Don noted that he has really felt like he helped people when they participated in this event in the past.

New Business

Programs: Tom, K4TB. Tom will participate in the Spaghetti 100. Tom is looking for ideas for programs for the rest of the year. July will be new FCC RF safety rules; Tom will lead this with some help from a You-Tube video. You should have on file an evaluation of your radio station. Other meetings may be on

Zoom or in person. Still looking for ideas on programs. One topic may be solar power, Tom is looking for potential speakers / experts. N4JTP asked if we could have the websites for RF evaluation could be sent out. We will include these in the meeting minutes. See this site: <http://www.arrl.org/fcc-rf-exposure-regulations-the-station-evaluation>. N4JL also asked for a program on solar power and how it relates to ham radio. Tom will do some additional research on this. K4SBZ stated that he had a potential speaker but one who is busy, Anthony. We will need to get to him early if we want to reserve him as a speaker in the future. He may be able to do a solar program for the club.

Program

Field Day will be at Tom Brown Park, the last weekend in June. We will find out if we still need to follow the COVID precautions that we originally agreed to.

Tom, K4TB, stated that we are still looking for volunteers. Tom asked if anyone had visited the site. Gerry, WA6POZ stated that last Thursday he and Doug went by. The road has changed a bit, the road we used has been taken over by new tennis courts, but there is a road that can be used to get to the location. Randy said the site is pretty much the same. There should not be any real challenges for set up in the way we had set up previously. Don said that some trees are no longer there, so that may affect some of our antenna set up.

With a small number of volunteers, the core will be the station chief; Tom will not be able to be present at the site for the whole 24 hours. The station chiefs could be the co-chairs. Jerry, N4JL, proposed that we take a minimalist approach. We could have one station that is multi-mode, CW and SSB, that is staffed around the clock. 2 transceivers, one for CW and one for SSB and we operate as class 1A. VHF and satellite stations are "free". Tom said that he liked that idea. Don, KK4SIH, agreed with this approach. There will not be a separate digital station. With one station, visitors can either see voice or CW operators. Stan stated that some procedural problems.... Phone station had shifts with operators and loggers. We could keep this to avoid "hogging" the phone station. The logger has helped the phone operator being able to identify the calling station. May be difficult if phone operator cannot help with translating calls on CW. Tom agrees that we need to assign time slots. Jerry says we can accommodate this by having fun and with a more relaxed effort, you don't have to consider this as a competition, and we can use the time to learn things and pair experienced operators with less-experienced persons. CW has had an operator doing the decoding and the logger just enters the information into the log. A pair of people, operator and logger, can each take an hour slot and rotate at the ½ hour so that each gets some logging time and some operating time. Stan agreed that this would work. Tom asked if Jerry would be the station chief? N4JL said he would take the technical lead on the station and will develop along the lines of how the station was developed and checklists used previously. The logistics will still need to be assigned. Tom will cover the satellite station. This station will only be operated on Saturday; Tom will not spend the night. On Sunday, we could have a GOTA station as well, to be worked on a casual basis. Tom asked if we will have any food at the event. Don stated that we cannot have food with the current COVID restrictions, but we will check with Tom Brown Park to see if the rules related to food have changed. Don will also take care of the logging computer. Chief will just ask for one trash can. Tom said we will be on your own for food, but he will provide bottled water. Still need some portable latrines and maybe tents. Jerry suggested that we could have food in such a way that was acceptable. Would be better to have people stay if we provide lunch and dinner on Saturday. Gerry stated that it shouldn't make a difference who provides food, the club or the individuals. We're not selling the food and it's only for a small number of people. Might be easier to ask for forgiveness rather than ask for permission. Gerry stated that Chief got Pepsi to donate drinks. Club paid for food in the past. Don said that we will

TARS Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Doug Ferrell, KD4MOJ, Treasurer

	for period	year-to-date
	28-Jun-21	1-Jan-21
<u>Beginning Balances:</u>		
Cash on hand	\$ -	\$ -
Checking Account:	\$ 4,676.37	\$ 3,876.41
Savings Account:	\$ 3,103.46	\$ 3,102.68
Total:	\$ 7,779.83	\$ 6,979.09
<u>Summary of Month's Activity:</u>		
Total Receipts:	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,445.19
Total Expenditures:	\$ 100.00	\$ 694.45
<u>Receipts Derived From:</u>		
Members Dues:	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,211.70
Fifty/Fifty	\$ -	\$ -
Donation	\$ -	\$ 170.00
Veteran's Radio Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Field Day Radio Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Interest (Savings)	\$ -	\$ 0.78
smile.amazon.com	\$ -	\$ 62.71
Total	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,445.19
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
American Red Cross:	\$ -	\$ -
Fifty-Fifty	\$ -	\$ -
ARRL Insurance	\$ -	\$ -
Spagetti 100 - TARC	\$ -	\$ -
TARS & Feathers Plaque	\$ -	\$ -
Storage & Supplies	\$ -	\$ 284.57
Field Day	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
VE Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Tower/Repeater Maintenance AG4UU	\$ -	\$ 80.63
Florida Dept of State	\$ -	\$ 61.25
Post Office Box:	\$ -	\$ 168.00
Total:	\$ 100.00	\$ 694.45
Transfer Checking -> Savings:		
<u>Ending Balances - June 28, 2021:</u>		
Cash on hand	\$ -	\$ -
Checking Account	\$ 4,626.37	\$ 4,626.37
Savings Account	\$ 3,103.46	\$ 3,103.46
Total	\$ 7,729.83	\$ 7,729.83
*Veteran's Radio Fund		\$ 500.00
*Field Day Radio Fund		\$ 697.00