

**Tuscaloosa Amateur Radio Club**  
**Meeting Minutes from 11 November 2019**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Maxwell, KK4SXA, who invited members present to introduce themselves and give callsigns.

**Members and Guests Present:**

Jeff Maxwell, KK4SXA  
Robby Workman, AC4RW  
Tommy Howell, KG4MPU  
James Simms, KM4BQS  
Stan Lee, KF4DGS  
Vince Busche, KG4EES  
Stephen Staub, KF4UXE  
Jack Rigsby, KC4LKT  
Rob McCray, KN4VZR  
Wade Robbins, KM4VPK  
Lisa Bianco, AJ4RT

**Old Business**

Tommy is going to try to find an official copy of TARC Bylaws.

The January 2020 meeting was rescheduled to be on January 20, 2020 as opposed to the usual date due to potential conflict with the NCAA Football Championship Game.

**New Business**

Election of 2020 Officers

Floor remained open for nominations from prior meeting; all nominations from prior meeting were written on board for all present to see. Additional nominations were requested from the floor – none were offered. Tommy (KG4MPU) moved to close nominations and vote, James (KM4BQS) seconded, motion carried. Members voted on paper ballots. Ballots were collected by Jeff (KK4SXA) and Robby (AC4RW). Ballots were counted by Wade (KM4VPK) and tallied by Robby (AC4RW). Results are as follows:

President: Stan Lee (KF4DGS)  
Vice President: Robby Workman (AC4RW)  
Secretary/Treasurer: Rob McCray (KN4VZR)  
Repeater Trustee: Tommy Howell (KG4MPU)  
Net Manager: Robby Workman (AC4RW)

## **New Business (continued)**

### **Christmas Party**

Due to lack of reports or unsatisfactory reports on alternative venues and/or dates, the annual TARC Christmas Party will be held at Billy's Sports Grill in downtown Northport on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1800 hours (6 PM) – this is our usual meeting date; only the time is different.

### **Tuscaloosa Bicentennial Event Special Event Station (N4T)**

Kirk Junkin (N4KRJ) requested assistance from interested individuals in operating as N4T from December 8<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> on HF. Operations could be from anywhere (there will not be a new station physically set up anywhere, i.e. we can operate from our usual stations as N4T), but time and band assignments will need to be coordinated with Kirk. Contact Kirk at [n4krj67@gmail.com](mailto:n4krj67@gmail.com) if you are interested in operating as N4T.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mike (KI4OXX) [not in attendance] reported via relay that all accounts are reconciled.

## **Repeater Trustee**

Tommy (KG4MPU) reminded everyone to pause for a bit before speaking when talking on a repeater, especially when the repeater is linked to another repeater somewhere, as there is a bit of delay. Tommy went on to explain the source of the delay in the case of linked repeaters.

## **Net Manager**

Robby (AC4RW) reminded everyone checking in to the net to be sure that nobody else is transmitting when attempting to check in. The suggestion was to do something along the lines of "This is" <pause to listen> "callsign, ..."

Robby also reminded Net Control Stations to be sure to recognize each individual callsign checking in, as otherwise operators will continue to call multiple times and prevent others from checking-in or delay the net unnecessarily.

## **Other Discussion**

In response to a question, Robby (AC4RW) reminded everyone that amateur radio operators should **NEVER** self-dispatch to an incident. If we are not specifically requested from authorities via proper channels, then we are not providing a public service – we are providing a public nuisance and making all amateur radio operators look bad in the process.