

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

Meeting Minutes  
1500 on 18 Aug. 2018

## **Opening**

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

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) Post #33 was called to order at 1500 on 18 Aug. 2018 by Joe Tokarz (KB9EZZ).

## **Present**

Joe Tokarz (KB9EZZ)-Chairman, Matthew Weaver (KB9VZH)-Co.Chair, John Duback-Adjutant arrival at 1530.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Joe approved of agenda.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Joe approved minutes.

## **Open Issues**

- Possible antenna placement
- Equipment location
- Club call application?
- Mission Statement

## **New Business**

- Review of open issues-
  - Possible antenna placement was discussed.
    - Joe believes the best area would be in the attic. This will eliminate the need for external antenna systems and eliminate any threat of a lightning strike. Joe and Matt know all about lightning and the effects on equipment and a person. Not to mention old wooden structures and lightning don't get along well.
    - Joe and Matt went upstairs and measured the distance from the east to west end of the attic area. It is around 130 feet, this will be enough of an area for a 40 meter wire antenna that can be tuned to other bands (frequencies). Also, a simple UHF/VHF antenna can be located easily.

- Matt looked up into the access points on both the NW and SW sides of the stage and took photos without entering the area. It looks like we may have an opening in the SW access point.
  - John Taylor was asked about the attic access point and he said there is attic access. Believed to be one above the Scouts meeting room. He had been into the attic before and it was not something he wanted to do again. Rafters are the only way to walk across.
  - Joe decided to review further with E Board.
- Equipment location till needs to be determined. The Scout room is still an option but need approval and coordination.
- Club call application will require at least 4 members. We will discuss later.
- Mission statement discussed.
  - Joe brought in a draft copy of an Article of Organization as well as By-Laws for Matt to review. A few items need to be changed to clarify that Matt marked up. Joe will correct and review with E Board at the 4 Sept 18. meeting.
  - A clear mission statement will be worked on by Joe and Matt.
- Other business
  - Joe and Matt will attend the next E Board meeting at 1800 to present the clubs proposals, formally submit a copy of the Article of Organization an By-Laws. Joe will ask to make himself and Matt founding members of the TALARC of Post 33.
  - John discussed some format ideas for meeting minutes. Matt suggested he (John) would be a great secretary. Matt will use his ideas until then.
  - Joe suggested keeping meetings weekly until we get the club established, then move to monthly. Everyone agreed we can't make every weekly meeting due to personal schedules. Joe mentioned he will not be in attendance for the next meeting.
  - Joe suggested Matt get his General or Extra license to assist in VE testing to bring in new operators. Also asked John to think about getting his. Having VE testing at the Legion will bring in members of other posts as well as vets and others who are nonmembers and possibly increase post membership.
  - Discussed review of building use for EmComm and shelter/point of distribution with City of Ottawa and LaSalle Co. for any agreements already in place.
  - John mentioned if any power outlets are needed, the club has electricians they can use for insurance purposes.

### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

- Review all above topics with John if available and again review antenna placement.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1650 by Joe Tokarz (KB9EZZ). The next general meeting will be at 1500 on 25 Aug. 2018, in Coral Room at Post #33.

Minutes submitted by: Matthew Weaver (KB9VZH)

Approved by: Joe Tokarz (KB9EZZ)