

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

Meeting Minutes

1500 on 15 Dec. 2018 – Meeting

Opening

Monthly 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 15 Dec. 2018 – Meeting by Joe Tokarz (KB9EZZ).

Present

Joe Tokarz (KB9EZZ)-President, Treasurer and Membership chair. Matthew Weaver (KB9VZH)-VP, Secretary and Trustee, John Duback-Adjutant.

Guests

Pat Ryan (KC6VVT) Vet from Tonica, Il Post
Roger Hallowell (KC9KVV) Vet from Post 33 arrival at 1533

Approval of Agenda

Joe approved of agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Joe approved with a second by Pat

The first part of the meeting was an open discussion due to a new member.

- Upon Pat's arrival, he was instantly asked if he would like to become a member of the club. He accepted and has become the first member after becoming an established club. He was asked if he would like to hold a position in the club but declined due to travel issues. He may be interested at a later date.
- Pat is interested in creating a club at the Tonica post in the future.
- Pat is member #3 and will be given a copy of the AOO and By-Laws. Pat has been a member of the Tonica post for 34 years.
- Discussion with John and his past post duties and military background.
- John mentioned the QSL cards from the Veterans Day contacts. He will get these to us a later date.
- John said the upstairs is due to be complete in a week or so.
- Pat discussed his history of CALARC (California) and gave suggestions on antennas and placement.

- John discussed the building inspectors review and what was found. Some electrical needs to be reviewed and replaced in the near future.
- Pat asked about our agenda, disaster relief was a very high priority when he was in the Cali clubs due to the high risk of earthquakes and many more organizations and government entities are willing to help small organizations. Unlike Illinois we are less prone to large disasters.
- Matt mentioned we are in the clubs infancy stages. It was mentioned if we want additional funds we need to be serious. “Positive actions = Positive results”.
- Pat mentioned, if we want to continue our growth as a club and Legion in general, we need to recruit young members to continue moving us forward.

Open Issues / Old Business

- Articles of Org. approved 29 Nov 19 by Commander and Adj.
- QSL cards and Cert. form Veterans Day Event are with John.
- Need to get on radio and paper to promote club and increase membership.
- Treasures report:
 - None due to no funds in or out.
 - Most equipment will be donated. Matt given a copy of the donation form to complete before equipment will be left at the post. Being kept at home for now. Needs to be done for insurance purposes.
- Roger KC9KVV walked in at 1533 hrs.
 - Before he could sit down, he was asked if he would like to become a member. He accepted and became member #4. As he sat down, he was also asked if he would be interested in a club position and politely declined the offer. He was then asked what the phonetic letter “I” stands for jokingly, his answer was correct being “IDIOT”. This was accepted and passed to become a member.
- With Roger becoming a member, this puts us at 4 members and eligible to obtain a club callsign from the FCC.
- Matt will work on getting this obtained.
- Joe asked members to obtain a General class license to hold VE sessions at the post.
- A discussion was held with new members on what the future holds and out ideas for equipment and antenna placement.
- Membership committee report
 - Only that we have two new members this meeting. We will continue to work on membership and review lists of Hams and Vets in the LSCO area.
- Matt and Joe will look into ideas for the radio and paper publications.
 - John said we need to give the radio a few weeks advanced notice.

- Joe discussed and antenna he has put up at a local hams house. Emcomm 2 wire antenna, 66” and feels it would be a good ideal for club use here. It has a counterpoise for grounding since no external ground is available yet.
- Pat discussed possible issue with antennas grounding and Joe says the counterpoise should eliminate this issue.
- Joe asked Pat to recommend antennas that will work in our attic area. He said the wire will work great, also suggested a center fed a foot or so off the one of the outside walls.
- Discussion on possible placement of temp antennas in the park across the street for events. We will need to discuss with city hall.

New Business

- Pat suggested we go ahead and apply for a club license. He mentioned other clubs with very few members with a call.
- John and Matt to work on radio and paper contacts after the holidays are done.
- Need to obtain more TALARC fliers.
- Matt will work on membership cards as he has time.

Good of the Club

- Thanks to Pat and Roger for becoming members #3 and 4. Pat and Roger both had some good discussions and we are happy they are now members of our club.
- Pat spoke about CALARC (California Clubs) and wants to get other clubs started in the area. Pat has been a legion member at Tonica for 34 years and has also been an Adjunct. He passes his thanks onto John for his very hard work at Post 33. Everyone thanked John for what he has done and what we have all learned from him.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Review all above open topics.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1607 by Joe Tokarz (KB9EZZ). The next general meeting will be at 1500 on 19 Jan. 2019, in the 1st. floor meeting room at Post #33.

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

Approved by: Joseph Tokarz, Pres, Treasurer and Membership (KB9EZZ)