

## **TCHC MEETING MINUTES-NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

Club president Shawn Smith, WA5VQP, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. There were 11 present at the meeting. The membership is 33 as of this date.

In the absence of Secretary Treasurer Ruth Ragsdale, WM5LA, the meeting minutes were taken by Frank Adams, KK5CF. No treasurer report was given.

ARES Regional Director Duffy Frantom, KD5IGZ, reported on some local repeater work being done.

Mark Ketchel, K5ER, gave a report on several upcoming contests. He and Keith Ennis, KV5J, discussed propagation patterns and peak times as related to contests.

License testing was conducted by R.C. Conley, KC5WA, Wallace Olinde, AD5XM, and Darrell LeBlanc, AF5NQ. Four candidates were tested and three earned their technician licenses.

Winter Field Day is January 29, 2017 at Kiroli Park. R.C. Conley, KC5WA, and Shawn Smith WA5VQP, are planning to participate. Others are welcome to participate. ARRL Summer Field Day will be held starting June 25, 2017.

Mark Ketchel, K5ER, presented the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers as follows:

Secretary-Treasurer- Ruth Ragsdale, WM5LA

Vice President- Jim Ragsdale, W5LA

President-Frank Adams, KK5CF

The motion to elect the officers as proposed passed.

The upcoming Christmas Party will be at the December 6, 2016 meeting. Meat and beans will be furnished by the club. The members attending signed up for the food they will bring in the categories of vegetables/casseroles, salads, and desserts.

The program was a discussion lead by Shawn Smith, WA5VQP, on the numbers and locations of ham operators worldwide and how we can possibly make our meetings appeal to newly – licensed hams and others.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM by President Shawn Smith, WA5VQP.