

## **TCHC MEETING MINUTES-FEBRUARY 2017**

Club president Frank Adams, KK5CF, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 18 present at the meeting. The membership is 10 as of this date.

Ruth Ragsdale, WM5LA, gave an updated treasurer report .

Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, reported on an upcoming event on August 21, the day of a solar eclipse that will go across the United States. On that day there will be a Solar Eclipse QSO Party (SEQP) in which everyone can participate.

ARES Regional Director Duffy Frantom, KD5IGZ, reported the next ARES meeting will be on February 25 at 10.00 AM.

Mark Ketchel, K5ER, reminded everyone that the Louisiana QSO Party (LAQP) was coming up March 18. Also in February are the ARRL International DX - CW and WPX RTTY contests.

There was much discussion regarding the Hamfest. The date is April 29 and the location will be the West Monroe Convention Center. Deposits have already been paid. Set up will be from noon until 5PM (possibly later) on Friday, April 28. Motion was made by Scott Dickson, W5WZ, and seconded by Shawn Smith, WA5VQP, that the board was approved to spend up to \$900 on hamfest prizes this year. The prizes this year will be Visa Prepaid Cards.

Shawn Smith, WA4VQP, noted that we should check into our membership renewal to the West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce. Ruth Ragsdale, WM5LA, will check into this.

Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, gave a presentation on Radio Frequency Interference.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM by President Frank Adams, KK5CF.