

TARC January Board Meeting

01/04/2021



President – John KK4JS – Welcome to the members and guests.

Vice President - Jan KX4MI –

Treasurer - Jim KW4PW –

Secretary - Mike KJ4TAC –

Membership – Ron K4TCP –

Testing – Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TCP –

Programs – Van N4VGE – Not Present

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF –

Fund Raising - Peggy W4ZBR -

Reports: The meeting was held out of doors at the Hanahan Municipal Boat landing shelter. The meeting was called to order at 1833 hrs.

Jim KW4PW – Current account balance is approximately \$4300. All payments have been accounted for in this balance. Several dues payments and new membership fees have been received since the last meeting. Jim reported that the annual insurance policy payment is coming due in March and the new policy was received this past week. There were no changes to the coverage provided.

Ron K4TCP – Approximately 40% of last year's members have paid their dues. Unpaid members can still pay by check, money order, and via the secure payment link on the TARC web page:

<http://tridenthams.org/membership.htm>

Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TCP –Charleston Amateur Radio Society (CARS <https://www.wa4usn.org/>) is holding testing sessions every other month. Persons desiring tests are encouraged to use their web site to pre-register for the test session. TARC has also set up virtual testing for all license classes. Contact Ron K4TCP or Stephen Anderjack KO4AFL for further information. ko4afl@gmail.com. Dave also reported that the FCC has instated a fee system for Amateur Radio Licenses. The proposed \$50 fee was reduced to \$35 and will go into effect as soon as the system can be updated, approximately February or March. The fee includes new licenses, renewals, vanity licenses, and upgrades. More specific information will be promulgated as it becomes available. All members are advised to take advantage of the grace period and get those changes in before the fees take effect.

Van N4VGE – The January meeting program topic will be Contesting and presented by Greg KB1AWM. The February meeting program topic will be POTA (Parks on the Air) Strategies presented by John KK4JS.

Bryce K4LXF – reported the Yorktown (146.790) repeater is still receiving spurious external signals which causes it to key up. This currently does not affect the operation of the repeater but the issue being investigated. He also reported the Trident Hospital Repeater (146.730) is receiving weak signals on the input link. These signals are causing a steady noise to be heard over the repeater.

Peggy W4ZBR reported the raffle currently has sale of approximately 50% of the break-even cost. Sales will continue during the January meeting. Once the break-even point is reached, the winning ticket will be drawn. The winner will have their choice of a Yaesu FT-4XR handy talkie or a digital soldering station.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron K4TCP and Greg KB1AWM are still looking for a replacement web hosting site to replace Go Daddy that is currently being used. The TARC account expires in February 2021.

Winter Field Day will be held at Glen's WA4NMW property in Knightsville. This is the same location as the summer Field Day held earlier this year. The dates are 30-31 January 2021. Glen and Van N4VGE have volunteered as members but could use some more help for the last-minute details. Jim KW4PW stated he will be bringing a grill and possibly a cooker that will be available to members who want to cook their own meals. Ron K4TCP reported that an insurance binder has been obtained at no cost to cover this event.

Jan KX4MI – Discussing looking into programs to increase female and young adult participation in ham radio. This topic was discussed more in depth. It was noted that QSO Today has videos on YouTube of the 2020 Summer Virtual Ham Fest presentations, at least one of which discusses this topic.

January membership meeting location will be 1141 Remount Rd Suite 300 North Charleston 29406. We will have someone posted at the door to allow everyone access.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Rob Dean's, W4VRO, father died last November after battling health issues. The Board sends its condolences to the Dean family. TARC will also send a card to Rob.

A discussion about the annual Hunley event took place. During the discussion, a motion was made to cancel the 2021 Hunley event due to the many COVID 19 restrictions still in place. The motion was seconded and passed. There will be no Hunley event this year.

Jim said he received a phone call from Brian saying that he had received the bill for the Post Office box used by TARC. Mike KJ4TAC will check on this ASAP and make sure the bill is paid if needed and the point-of-contact list is updated.

Meeting adjourned at 1919 hrs.