

TARC Board Meeting Minutes

12/07/2020



This was an outdoor meeting held at the Hanahan Municipal Park Complex shelter.

Called to order at 1830 hrs.

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

Vice President - Jan KX4MI – Discussing looking into programs to increase female and young adult participation in ham radio.

Treasurer - Jim KW4PW – Current account balance is approximately \$4160. All payments have been accounted for in this balance.

Secretary - Mike KJ4TAC – No report

Membership – 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>

Testing – Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TAP – reported that W4VEC is requesting the TARC 2021 testing schedule. The testing schedule will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month. TARC currently has all testing through W4VEC cancelled due to COVID Restrictions. 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.

Programs – Van N4VGE – Reported 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.

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – reported the Yorktown (146.790) repeater is 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.

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 already 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.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Jan KX4MI to hold the January Membership Meeting at the same location as the November meeting, Hanahan Park Complex outdoor shelter. During the discussion, Steve KO4AFL volunteered the use of his workplace meeting room, CACI in North Charleston off Remount Rd. The motion was amended to read the January Membership Meeting will be held at CACI, address to be published prior to the meeting, if available. The Hanahan Shelter will be the secondary location. Amendment seconded and passed.

A potential meeting location was mentioned. This location is the Goose Creek VFD Fire Station on Red Bank Road located near Goose Creek High School. The Department will be contacted to see if their training room can be used for TARC meetings.

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.

Van opened a discussion about TARC paying the testing fees for all persons testing through TARC. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to take no action on this topic because it would not be cost affective nor be a benefit to TARC.

Meeting adjourned at 1910 hrs.