

TARC February Membership Meeting

02/15/2021



President – John KK4JS – Welcome to all.
Vice President - Jan KX4MI – No Report
Treasurer - Jim KW4PW –
Secretary - Mike KJ4TAC – No Report
Membership – Ron K4TCP –
Testing – Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TCP –
Programs – Van N4VGE –
Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF –
Fund Raising - Peggy W4ZBR – No report

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs.

REPORTS:

Jim KW4PW – Current balance of approximately \$4000 after annual payments made (insurance).

Ron K4TCP – Club membership is now at 51 members in good standing (dues paid).

Dave AE4ZR – Plans are being made to hold in person testing at the Remount Rd location the third Wednesday in March.

Van N4VGE – The March program will be by Steve KO4AFL doing a recap of his live stream video on equipment tests/reviews. The April program will be by Ron K4TCP discussing soldering techniques, tips, and tricks. Dr Tom WW1TA will present DMR Basics for the April Program.

Bryce K4LXF – The new Adams Run tower is up and work is continuing to replace and install equipment on the new one. Still no word on the status of moving the repeater antenna to the new tower.

Important Links:

Pay membership dues, TARC web page: <http://trident-amateur-radio-club.square.site/>

Remote testing: <http://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg>

Test with Steve (KO4AFL) using the following link: <http://hamstudy.org/sessions/ko4afl>
Need additional test spot email Steve at ko4afl@gmail.com

The 6 March remote testing date still has a few openings left.

Remote Exams are free to Military, Veterans, First Responders and Youth.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ron K4TCP and Greg KB1AWM – TARC is completely off Go Daddy and on the new service provider. The new web page is under construction and will not be a cut and paste copy of the old one. Any suggestions to what members want on the web site, contact Ron, and let him know,

Winter Field Day is over and appeared to be a great success. Over 700 contacts were made during the event. Thanks go out to Glenn for providing a location, Jim KW4PW for making a great tasting pot of chili beans and burgers for everyone's enjoyment, and Van N4VGE for organizing the event.

Jan KX4MI – Looking into programs and methods to increase female and young adult participation in ham radio has been tabled until Covid restrictions are lessened.

There will be no Hunley event this year.

NEW BUSINESS

A Board Meeting motion passed to investigate the purchase of a canopy/pop up large enough to cover an outdoor ham station. The canopy must have removable or roll up sides to protect the workstation from the wind and weather. Glen volunteered to investigate the cost and quality of the ones available. He will report his findings to the Club later.

A Board Meeting motion passed to investigate the purchase of bulk nylon guying line. TARC currently has enough larger diameter (+½ inch). The smaller line is handier to use running antennas up into trees. The line should be ¼ inch or smaller diameter. This was discussed with the membership. The consensus was the line be made of nylon, be of a highly visible color to reduce trip hazards, and para-cord should be of sufficient size. Several members stated they recently purchased bult line for their use and would provide the information at the next meeting.

A plaque of appreciation was shown to the membership. Membership also signed a card of thanks recognizing Bill DeLoach, our POTA Section Coordinator for doing an outstanding job. Bill has cheerfully assisted many TARC members in getting started in POTA as well as walking them through contact logging issues.

The President brough up the question of a springtime Operating Day. Dave AE4ZR said he would investigate the availability of April 17, 2021 (third Saturday) at Charlestowne Landing

Tom W4ID won the raffle, an analog soldering station and accessories.

Steve KO4AFL will be presenting a YouTube Livestream Video on February 22, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST. He will be reviewing Ham related products and topics. The link for the live stream is:

<https://youtu.be/QzYC5Eb0vI0>

Meeting adjourned at 1945 hrs.

John KK4JS gave an informative presentation on getting started in POTA (Parks On the Air) and strategies to be successful.