

TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

09/21/2020



This was a virtual media meeting held on-line and conference call.

Called to order at 1930

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

Because this was virtual meeting, the procedure was abbreviated.

Vice President Jan KX4MI, Treasurer Jim KW4PW and Secretary Mike KJ4TAC were present.

22 members logged in and were present on-line or via telephone.

Treasurer - Jim KW4PW – Reported he had several dues payment to process and the current account balance was approximately \$3500. He also stated that due to the pandemic restrictions, recurring payments were the only expenditures to date. Jim also made a reminder that anyone who has not paid their dues should do so as soon as they can. The due date was last month.

John KK4JS mentioned the club had receive an email and a related letter from the daughter of a silent key, Frank Slojkowski W2NJ. The email explained that while she was growing up, she was immersed in the ham radio culture by her father. She said he was an ardent ham and attended contests and other ham events as often as he could. She said while in grade school, she was the only one that knew the phonetic alphabet and who could tap out her name on her desk using Morse code. Remembering her father's love of all things ham, she felt it fitting that her family should make a donation in her father's name to a local Amateur Radio organization. She donated \$250 to TARC, which was received in the letter.

Jan KX4MI made a motion that due to the pandemic restrictions limiting group meetings and the deadline for electing board member, the election be cancelled and the existing board to remain in office until the next required election in August 2021. The motion was seconded. During the discussion, the motion was amended to allow the President to appoint a club member to fill any vacancy occurring if a Board member cannot complete this term of office. A voice vote was held, and the motion passed. There were no dissenting votes.

Jan KX4MI brought up the Little David event. He said the special call sign had been requested and the previously made reservations needed check to make sure we could still hold the event at the Old Santee Park. A voice vote was held to determine if participation by members would justify continuing with this event as scheduled. Once the reservations have been verified, an email blast containing the date, time, location, and other information will be sent out to all members. Currently the date will be Saturday October 2, 2020. This will be a one-day event and expected end time to be 1400-1500. Jim KW4PW will get the trailer from Glen prior to the event and take it to the park.

Jan KX4MI brought of this year's Christmas party. Considering the pandemic restrictions and the limited number of establishments that can allow large group events, he asked if the members present want to continue planning a party or to cancel this year's party. A voice vote was taken and there were zero votes in favor of scheduling a party and a majority of no votes. The party will be cancelled.

Winter Field Day is currently scheduled for Jan 30-31, 2021. Glen volunteered his location again if no other location is decided upon. Several comments were made how this location was perfect for field day and the summer field day was held there with no issues.

Currently, TARC has no location in which to conduct testing. The only resources currently available to hams for testing is the CARS VEC and online virtual testing. Jeff KN4NIQ recently tested through the SCHEART system in Columbia and passed his Extra exam. Congratulations Jeff.

Glen, Steve, and Peggy will get with Treasurer Jim KW4PW for the required financial records audit.

Meeting adjourned at 2024.

John KK4JS, moderated a round table rag chew on what members had going on in their shacks; projects, upgrades, repairs etc. Many of the members participated in this discussion.