

# TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

## 11/15/2020



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

Called to order at 1835

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

Vice President - Jan KX4MI – On approval of the Board, the club purchased a supplemental 213-inch whip antenna for the Wolf River Coil antenna the club currently owns, The longer whip has demonstrated improved performance on the 20 and 40 meter bands. Jan also recommends that if club members want to purchase this antenna for their coils, they should speak with other members and combine their orders. This is because of a significant shipping charge from Wolf River and combining orders does not greatly affect the shipping cost over just one antenna. Save money where you can.

Treasurer - Jim KW4PW – Current account balance is approximately \$4000. All payments have been accounted for in this balance. He also stated he is still receiving dues payments from members. He said 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>

Secretary - Mike KJ4TAC – No report

Membership – Ron K4TCP – Approximately 40% of last year's members have paid their dues. One new member was recognized and welcomed to the club – Gary KM4HLA.

Testing – Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TAP – reported that Face-to-Face testing through our normal VEC is still on hold. 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 that no program schedule has been developed for upcoming meetings. He stressed that there would be a program for each future meeting.

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – Nothing to report.

19 members and 2 guests were present.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ron K4TCP and Greg KB1AWM are still looking for and replacement web hosting site to replace Go Daddy that is currently being used. The TARC account expires in February 2021. During this discussion, a motion was made to transfer the current web page format to the new site when selected. After the transfer, a new web page can be designed to update and enhance the TARC web page. The motion was seconded and passed.

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. The Boards requests that club members volunteer to be on the Field Day committee to help plan and organize

this event. Glen and Van N4VGE have already volunteered as members but could use some more help.

Just a reminder that due to the difficulties imposed by the Covid Virus restrictions, there will be no Christmas Party this year.

## NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to cancel the December Regular Membership Meeting due the date being the same week as Christmas. The motion was discussed and amended to include that regular meetings be held at the Hanahan Park Complex until a more fitting venue be located. It was noted that the Red Cross building will not be available for any meetings at this time and there is no estimated date for a return to normal. The motion was seconded and passed as amended.

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.

Several members publicly thanked Jan KX4MI for encouraging them and then assisting them in getting started in Parks On the Air (POTA). They all said POTA allows them to become more active in ham radio than ever before. Thanks JAN.

SILENT KEY – Gregg W1GRE – It was reported that Gregg passed away earlier this month. No funeral details are available currently. However, here is a link to the Funeral Home taking care of the family <http://www.mitchelljoseyfh.com/notices/MrGodfreyAlfonso-GreggJr> . Our condolences go out to his family.

Meeting adjourned at 1915.

Van N4VGE, moderated a round table rag chew on the topic – What's on your Workbench? The discussion was lively with everyone present getting involved. Many of the in-progress projects received suggestions or guidance from the other members.