

TARC Board Meeting Minutes

11/01/2021



President – Glenn WA4NMW – Welcome

Vice President – Steve KO4AFL –

Treasurer – Jim KW4PW –

Secretary – Mike KJ4TAC –

Membership – Ron K4TCP –

Testing – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR–

Programs – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4FGH– Ken Ezell QRP in Nov.

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF –

Fund Raising – Peggy W4ZBR –

Properties – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant) – Inventory will be conducted during Winter Field Day

Call to order- 1834

NOTICE

Annual dues are now due. Payment can be made on the TARC web page, by check, or at the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn WA4NMW/Ron K4TCP – Progress on training, slide deck update in progress. Still looking for suitable location. Plan is to start classes on 25 January and hold two classes per week for 3 weeks. The week following the end of the classes is a test session.

All new member's name tags have been received. Contact Ron K4TCP if you have not been given yours.

Johnny on the Spot and Ham of the Year award. The selection is done, and the awardee names have been given to Ron K4TCP. The Presentation will be during the December Operating Day at Santee State Park 4 Dec.

Winter Field Day will be held on 29-30 January 2022. John KK4JS is the Chair. Greg KB1AWM a member of the committee. The same location as the Summer Field Day will be used. Volunteers are requested to assist John in setting up and arranging for the support items to be on hand. Insurance and Porta Potty arrangements will be made for the event.

In place of the Party and December meeting, a POTA Operating Day is planned to be held on Saturday 4 December from 0900 till? The location will be the Santee State Park. Alicia KN4UPG has reserved a shelter. Lone Star BBQ will cater the event. An RSVP email will be sent out in November with a due back date of 30 November. An accurate count is needed for the caterer to prepare sufficient food.

The Hunley event is planned to be held at on 17 February 2022 at Ft. Moultrie. All hams and non-hams will be able to log some operating time, so come on out. Be prepared for wintry weather since this location is on the beach and what is normally the coldest day of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The TARC Roadmap was introduced at the October Membership Meeting. The following topics were presented by the membership:

Balloon Launches, Antenna building class, Fox Hunt, Turkey shoot (All parks including Non-POTA designated parks activated over a limited time), CW only Operating Day, kit building party/class. All these activities will be presented at the November Membership Meeting for members to select three of their favorites. The three top vote getters will be planned for dates to be announced. It was determined that balloon launching will not be viable until the Spring and early summer due to weather conditions needed. So, balloon launches will not be listed as a selection.

Mike KJ4TAC brought up that the club have a second raffle with tickets sold over a period of several months. The items raffled could be soldering stations, transceiver kits, Crimping tools, mobile radios, HF radios, etc. These items are typically above the price/cost threshold of the items raffled off during the monthly meeting. The tickets will be a higher cost, however, the benefit to the member will be much higher. A list of items to purchase and raffle is being investigated.

Ken Curtis reached out for assistance to put up a new antenna he ordered. The antenna is a Cushcraft A4S with the A744 add on. Expected to arrive on Nov 29. Ron K4TCP will be the Point of Contact and will contact Ken on what materials, tools and the number of assistants will be needed. Ron will discuss this at the November Membership Meeting.

Several members have approached the Board for a Help Wanted request on the TARC web page. This is different from the Elmer Request page. Ron K4TCP will develop a method of members using the TARC web page to ask for help solving any ham related problems they have. This can be but is not limited to: equipment testing, equipment installation, specific equipment operation, menu selections and set up, the tried and true "I can't get it to work, or I don't know what I did, but it's not working now," and anything else ham related.

Adjourned:1940