

# TARC Board Meeting Minutes

## 02/07/2022



**President** – Glenn WA4NMW – Welcome

**Vice President** – Steve KO4AFL – No Report

**Treasurer** – Jim KW4PW – \$3878.73 current balance. PO Box payment pending \$182.

**Secretary** – Mike KJ4TAC – No report

**Membership** – Ron K4TCP – No new members

**Testing** – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR–

**Programs** – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4PGH– David AE4ZR will be doing the Feb program on Lion Batteries and Chargers.

**Repeaters** – Bryce K4LXF – Not present

**Fund Raising** – Peggy W4ZBR – Currently selling tickets for the MFJ 269C PRO antenna analyzer. Monthly raffle to be determined.

**Properties** – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant) – An inventory performed during Winter Field Day

Call to order- 1804

### OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn WA4NMW/Ron K4TCP – Classes started on 25 January and run thru 10 February. Testing will be the week after classes end. Nine students attending.

Winter Field Day held on 29-30 January 2022. Good turnout for set up and operation. 689 contacts made. Thanks to all who showed up for making it a successful event. 5+ new hams operated, and a couple of non-hams got on the air also.

The Hunley event will be on 17 February 2022 at Ft. Moultrie. All hams and non-hams will be able to log 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. Everything is set. This event will also be a POTA event so operators can get POTA credit while making contacts (dual call sign). 2 HF stations will be operating and possibly a VHF station on simplex. Email blasts are scheduled.

Ron K4TCP has generated a Programs Page under Resources off the main menu on the TARC web site.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The TARC Roadmap schedule is as follows:

April – See new entry.

May – VHF Yagi build for the Foxhunt. Mike investigating simple DIY Yagi's for use during the Foxhunt using material around the house.

June – Fox Hunt

The Tuesday Night TARC Net is in need of volunteers to function as Net Control. This position will improve your capabilities and provide you with practice as a Ham to operate during emergency conditions or disasters. If you are the first Ham on the scene or on the air during these times, you **ARE** the Net Control. A few minutes training, a pad of paper, pen or pencil, and a UHF/VHF radio that

will connect to the local repeaters is all you need. Contact Ron K4TCP or John KK4JS for further information.

The MFJ 269C PRO antenna analyzer will be available when one hundred tickets are sold. The monthly raffle will be for a set of Cable Cuffs (cable and wire organizers).

The Board held a discussion about finding a less expensive mailbox. This was tabled until the next election of Board members.

The Board discussed conducting licensing study classes for General and Extra ham exams. The general membership will be polled to determine interest. The format will be the same as the class currently in session, with the classes ending the week before the next testing session. It was decided the first class date for the General test will incorporate a "What's Next program" to provide information on setting up a base, what equipment is needed and answers to question to guide the new hams into their new hobby. A prospective start date of mid-March is being considered, pending a review of the training materials and classroom availability.

John KK4JS reported that he contacted Amazon about the damaged canopy after no reply from the vendor. Amazon is conducting a follow-up of why the vendor is not responding to us. John said that Amazon was very support and he felt that a refund would be forthcoming.

John KK4JS will coordinate with Dave AE4ZR to get the club call sign registered with QRZ. This will simplify the validation and confirmation of contacts for QSL card requests and allow smooth entry into the LOtW logs pages.

It has been decided the Spring operating day will be held in conjunction of the Antenna Build party. The tentative location will be the Ghivans State Park. This will allow the builder to immediately evaluate and use their new antenna as well logging any contacts (regular and POTA). The prospective date will be in April, dependent on when the shelter can be reserved.

Jan KX4MI motioned the TARC bring back the Little David event this year to be held in October. The motion was passed. Jan will contact the park and to check on availability and reserving the field previously used.

Adjourned: 1926