

TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

02/21/2022



President – Glenn WA4NMW – Welcome

Vice President – Steve KO4AFL – No Report

Treasurer – Jim KW4PW – \$3732 current balance.

Secretary – Mike KJ4TAC – No report

Membership – Ron K4TCP – 76 paid members.

Testing – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR– See below

Programs – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4PGH– Mike KJ4TAC will do the March presentation on Home brew 2-meter Yagis

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – SCHEART repeaters have an audio linking issue. Under investigation.

Fund Raising – Peggy W4ZBR – The MFJ 269C PRO antenna analyzer will be available when one hundred tickets have been sold. Do not have to be present to win. Monthly raffle will be Baofeng HT w/cloning cable or MFJ Dual Time clock.

Properties – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant) – Prelim inventory done Field Day.

Call to order- 1900

OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn WA4NMW/Ron K4TCP – Classes completed. Nine students attended. 6 students tested and passed – 5 Tech, 1 Tech and General.

The Hunley event was on 17 February 2022 at Ft. Moultrie. 210 contacts on 2, 20, &40 meters.

NEW BUSINESS:

The TARC Roadmap schedule is as follows:

April – It was 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 availability.

May – VHF Yagi build for the Foxhunt. Date and location to be determined.

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 Board held a discussion about finding a less expensive mailbox. This discussion was tabled until the next election of Board members. The Board needs to identify what needs to be changed if PO Box changed – QSL Cards, FCC License, recurring bills, and expenses, ARRL and other organization membership, contact log sites, web pages.

Greg KB1AWM mentioned the SC and NC QSO parties this month. The 2022 South Carolina QSO Party starts at 1500z February 26th ends at 0159z February 27th. See <http://scqso.com/> for more information.

The Board discussed conducting licensing study classes for General and Extra ham exams. The format will be the same as the class currently in session, with the classes ending the week before the next testing session. A prospective start date of mid-March is being considered, pending a review of the training materials and classroom availability. CARS will be contacted to notify them of the prospective class.

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.

Dave AE4ZR got 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 LOfW logs pages.

Jan KX4MI motioned the TARC bring back the Little David event this year to be held in October. The Little David Call sign has been reserved. Still checking on the site availability and dates.

Museum Ships will be held on June 4 & 5. The Board will investigate site location and participation.

Yvette Shecut, visitor, and prospective new ham, won the Monthly Raffle and selected the Baofeng HT w/cloning cable

Adjourned: 1951