

TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

04/18/2022



President – Glenn WA4NMW – Not Present

Vice President – Steve KO4AFL – Presiding - Welcome

Treasurer – Jim KW4PW – All current bills paid, approximately \$3500 in account.

Secretary – Mike KJ4TAC – No Report

Membership – Ron K4TCP – 80 paid members, one new member

Testing – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR– 4 General Class students passed the exam, 1 tested and passed Extra Class

Programs – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4PGH – April presentation will be Rick N8BKN on ARES. May presentation will be on Conducting a Foxhunt. Dr. Tom WW1TA will give the June presentation on SKYWARN.

QSL manager – Jim KO4MNB – All QSL's responded to.

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – Gave a short brief on the history of the Low Country Repeater network and the SC Heart system

Fund Raising – Peggy W4ZBR – The MFJ 269C PRO antenna analyzer will be raffled off during the April Meeting. You do not have to be present to win. Monthly Raffle will also be held.

Properties – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant) – No Report

Call to order- 1900

Announcement:

The **Tuesday Night TARC Net** is still looking for volunteers to function as 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

OLD 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 at 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 date will be in April 23 at 0900. The Overlook Shelter has been reserved. Members just wanting to activate are reminded to bring their own power supplies because the shelter outlet will be in use for the builds.

May – VHF Yagi build for the Foxhunt. Date and location to be determined. The May Membership meeting presentation will be “How to Fox Hunt Successfully.”

July 23 – Fox Hunt. The Board is discussing prizes for the winners. The location will be determined. The Foxhunt Rules are being developed.

The Little David event this year to be held on 8 October from 0900 to 1400 hrs. The Little David Call sign has been reserved. The location at Old Santee Canal Park has been reserved.

With the upcoming Summer Field Day approaching quickly, a volunteer to be the Field Day Coordinator is needed. John KK4JS, Ron, K4TCP, and Glenn WA4NMW will be committee members.

Museum Ships will be held on June 4 & 5. Van reserved the Cooper River Boatyard as the site for this event. Parking will be across the street. An email blast will be sent out with the exact location as well as roadside signage directing those who want to attend.

The Board is currently looking into conducting an Extra Class near the beginning of next year. Current expectations will be 10 to 15 weeks long. A search for a satisfactory slide deck is in progress.

CARS is holding a Tech Class at the downtown VA Hospital. The class will be held the third weekend in May 2022. COVID Precautions will be in place and proof of COVID vaccinations may be required. For further information email CARSinfo@wa4usn.org or check the CARS Website <https://www.wa4usn.org>

Thanks to Ron K4TCP for providing a cake to celebrate the 49th birthday of TARC.

NEW BUSINESS:

The club 20-meter Band Pass Filter is broken. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the Board to purchase a new filter from Low Band Systems.

Ron K4TCP received a phone message about from an SK's family about help with possibly selling his radio equipment including a tower and antennas. Ron will follow-up to determine what assistance is needed. Bryce volunteered to assist taking down the tower.

Bill W4WWE won the analyzer raffle.

James KI4TAT won the monthly raffle.

Adjourned: 1922

Rick N8BKN gave an informative presentation of ARES and the ham operator responses during disasters. He also covered a few methods to be able to safely operate during inclement weather.