

TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

05/16/2022



President – Glenn WA4NMW – Welcome

Vice President – Steve KO4AFL –

1. **Treasurer** – Jim KW4PW – Approx. \$3400 in the bank account.

Secretary – Mike KJ4TAC –

Membership – Ron K4TCP –

Testing – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR–

Programs – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4PGH –May Video presentation on Conducting a Foxhunt. Dr. Tom WW1TA will give the June presentation on SKYWARN.

QSL manager – Jim KO4MNB –

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – Summerville Med Ctr repeater has “echo” under investigation.

Fund Raising – Peggy W4ZBR – Monthly Raffle will be “Winner’s Choice” (2m Mobile Icom, cable clamps, or ferrite assortment).

Properties – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant) –

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 – The build event was a success. At least four end fed antenna kits were built and tested. Several had their portable rigs up and running and many contacts were made. Everyone appeared to be having an enjoyable time. Photos of the event were taken and when available, will be post on the web site. All logs using N4EE call sign have been submitted to QRZ and LoTW by David AE4ZR.

May – The May Membership meeting presentation will be “How to Fox Hunt Successfully” by Glenn WA4NMW.

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, volunteers to help the Field Day Coordinator, John KK4JS, are needed. 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. TARC will operate from 9 a.m. Saturday 4 June till 2 p.m. Sunday 5 June. Signs have been ordered to direct traffic to the event. Van and David are currently planning on operating Friday evening just outside the boatyard.

A 20 Meter Band Pass Filter to replace the broken one has been ordered and received. It will be added to the TARC equipment inventory at the Field Day

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>

The SK family request has been looked into by Ron K4TCP and Bryce K4LXF. The tower removal is beyond the capabilities of TARC due to its construction. Ron is advising the family about the other ham equipment.

The discussion about training classes continued. An "Extra Class" training session alternative has been identified. W4EEY has training videos on YouTube in addition to conducting classes. This is being investigated further. Also discussed, are more Technician and General Classes needed?

The Fox Hunt Yagi antenna build will be conducted on June 25 at 12 noon just prior to the start of the Field Day event. This will be similar to the event at Ghivans State Park. Members should bring their own materials to build the antenna. All the tools needed for the build will be provided. Completed antennas will be checked and tuned as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve K4OPZ said the majority of the Palmetto Scholarship Academy school ham station has been located in storage at the school. The school has a strong desire to re-start the ham radio club and several teachers are working with Steve to do this. Contact Steve if you would like to help out with this project.

Mike KJ4TAC brought that an Election needs to be formed to prepare for the August Elections. David AE4ZR and Peggy W4ZBR volunteered. Other members may also volunteer.

Mike KJ4TAC discussed the need for a Constitution and Bylaws Review committee since it has been over 5 years since the last one. Van N4VGE and John KK4JS volunteered to be on the committee. Others are also encouraged to volunteer.

Ron K4TCP/Steve KO4AFL report on the ARRL Grant System Webinar. (This occurred several days after the meeting) Steve is soliciting input from the membership for ideas/projects that TARC could do with grant money.

David AE4ZR reminded everyone that when using the N4EE call sign when operating, a copy of the logs must be sent to David so they can be uploaded to TARC's logging sites. Failure to do this causes issues with validation of QSL requests. Logs can be sent to David or John KK4JS.

On June 1 Charleston County Emergency Services will be conducting a Disaster Drill and Exercise. They are scheduled to use the local repeater system along with other ham bands. All are reminded that this is an exercise and not the real thing.

Tom W4ID won the raffle and selected the Icom 2m mobile.

Adjourned: 1942