

TARC Board Meeting Minutes

09/07/2022



President – Glenn WA4NMW – Welcome

Vice President – Steve KO4AFL – Reported that QRZ and Giga Parts have begun a program to give new hams a customized HT radio.

Treasurer – Jim KW4PW – Dues are beginning to be paid on-line.

Secretary – Steve K4OPZ – No Report

Membership – Ron K4TCP – No Report

Testing – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR – No Report/Not Present

Programs – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4PGH – Not Present

QSL manager – Jim KO4MNB – Not Present (Participating in ARRL Grant Program webinar call.)

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – Not Present

Fund Raising – Mike KJ4TAC - This month's raffle is a QYT Mobile Radio model KT-WP12

Properties – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant) – Not Present

Call to order- 1803

OLD BUSINESS:

The TARC Roadmap schedule is as follows:

Fox hunt and POTA on 24 September. Fox hunters will meet at the McDonalds, 2050 Savannah Hwy; at the end of I-526 and US-17. Fox hunting begins at 8:30 and ends at 10:30; then those who choose can activate K-3872 at Charles Towne Landing SHS. Set up for the POTA at Towne landing will begin at 9 AM. The Fox, Van N4VGE, is planning to use 144.750 for those who think they can find him. Please sign up for this event.

The Little David event this year will be Saturday, 8 October from 0900 to 1400 hrs. The Little David Call sign has been reserved. The location is Old Santee Canal Park in Moncks Corner, 900 Stoney Landing Rd. Please sign up for this event.

The Board is planning to hold TECH and GENERAL upgrade classes in early 2023. The TECH class will be first and the General class will follow a few weeks later. The dates and locations have not been determined.

The Palmetto Scholars Academy we are awaiting confirmation from the principal before the school ham station is returned to operation. Our W4VEC team purchased an Yaesu FP-1030A power supply for K4PSA. Ken Curtis W4KBN has given the school a VHF J-pole antenna. Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Van N4VGE, Ron K4TCP, and John KK4JS on the committee. No Report; tabled until October

Ron K4TCP, Jim KO4MNB and Steve KO4AFL are the ARRL Grant Committee members. Jim KO4MNB participated in the ARRL webinar on 7 SEP. In round one they had 128 proposals and awarded 24 grants worth \$270K total. About 18 per cent of applications were granted. ARRL will NOT provide feedback to those who did not get an award. The committee is working to gather more specifics before the submission deadline of 7 NOV.

The Tom Lufkin TARC Scholarship Fund status report. Tom is working to designate a trustee for his scholarship fund. The Board is also going to provide their input on the eligibility requirements and selection process to the Trustee when appointed. The current timeline is to have the Scholarship information ready to go out to the schools at the end of the first quarter 2023.

A Financial Audit is required to be completed in September when the new Board is installed. John KK4JS and David AE4ZR volunteered to assist with the audit.

The Board purchased an Icom 7300 as a special 50th Anniversary Raffle. Raffle tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$20 each. The drawing is scheduled to be held during the April 2023 meeting. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Mike KJ4TAC will be coordinating this raffle

A new Fund Raiser Chair is needed. Mike KJ4TAC has stepped in to temporarily fill this spot.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. L. Hunley special event station and POTA at Fort Moultrie. Tom W4ID, has filled out the NPS permit to hold this event on Saturday, February 18, 2023. The Saturday date should allow more working members to participate. Another change will be to operate from the lawn area between the parking lot and the Cove. We will operate two HF stations using the N4HLH call sign. Notice of the special event has been sent to ARRL for publication.

Glenn WA4NMW has proposed selling two of the clubs three FT-897s to fund the purchase of a newer radio for club operations. The radios would be first offered for sale to club members at a discount before being listed for sale to the public. Currently a FT-897 with attached auto-tuner is listed for sale at \$795. The eventual goal is to sell all the club's FT-897 and have two recent model radios for use by summer field day in June of 2023.

Fund raiser ticket adjustments. The cost of raffle prizes is increasing faster than ticket sale revenue. Next month the raffle will be a Handy-Talkie. In January the raffle prize will be a one year of ARRL membership dues.

Dues are due now. For individual membership the price is \$30 per year (a family membership is \$35) and \$20 per year for Active Duty Military. See Jim KW4PW our treasurer to pay in person or use our secure on-line payment portal at: <https://trident-amateur-radio-club.square.site/>

Adjourned: 1940