

TARC Membership Meeting Agenda

09/19/2022



President – Glenn WA4NMW – Welcome

Vice President – Steve KO4AFL

Treasurer – Jim KW4PW – See audit results

Secretary – Steve K4OPZ – The club has retained a ‘registered agent’ to fulfill the SC Secretary of State requirement of having a street address. This will eliminate sending a new address to the state every time new officers are elected.

Membership – Ron K4TCP – Membership is currently stands at 93.

Testing – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR – Our VE team has transitioned from the W4VEC to Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group VEC (GLAARG). Testing will still be in person, using tablets to take the exams with VEs in the room to observe. Grading is automatic and paper work eliminated. Our testing fee remains at \$10; exam fees are waived for minors 18 years and under, students with a current ID, first responders, Active Military, Veterans, and GLAARG VEs upgrading to Extra.

Programs – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4PGH – This month’s program: Q & A session. The October program will be operating Maritime Mobile by Chris Stinson, KC8YTK, an avid sailor and racer of performance sailboats nearshore and inshore. November’s program will be the Power Grid by Tom WD4NXW. Beginning in February 2023, Jim KO4PGH will take over monthly programs while Van N4VGE is out of town.

QSL manager – Jim KO4MNB – Some QSL cards still arriving slowly from prior special events.

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – No Report.

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

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

Call to order 1900

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 (W4D) has been reserved. QST published the event information in the October issue. The location is Old Santee Canal Park in Moncks Corner, 900 Stoney Landing Rd.

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. Until roof access is resolved, the club will operate a temporary station using 'ham sticks' or similar portable antennas.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Van N4VGE, Ron K4TCP, and John KK4JS on the committee. The committee is working to formally add wording for a military family membership. Define meetings and activities during pandemic lockdowns. Remove some items that are no longer used (phone tree reminders for meetings as an example).

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. As a club our application covers 5 of the 8 goals ARRL has for use of the grant funds. The committee is working to gather more specifics before the submission deadline of 7 NOV. A suggestion was made that rather than sell the existing trailer it be donated to another amateur radio group (Mark KN4MJB).

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. The financial audit was completed with no discrepancies and signed off by John Satterfield, David Merritts, and Mark Petit. Jim KW4PW reported we had \$885 in our bank account and annual expenses are around \$1000. As dues are paid he expects our bank balance to be around \$2200 early next year. The club will segregate dues and operating funds from raffle funds; which is currently \$320 (primarily from the sale of IC-7300 tickets).

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 task.

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. The FT-897 without power supply and with tuner will be offered to club members first at \$500. The FT-897 with power supply and tuner will be offered to club members at \$695

Fund raiser ticket adjustments. The cost of raffle prizes is increasing faster than ticket sale revenue, at the end of the calendar year the board will review ticket revenue versus prize cost to determine the next steps to take for fund raising. The October raffle will be for a Baofeng UV-5R radio and accessories.

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: 1955

Program: Van N4VGE asking questions and answers/discussions coming from various club members.