

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Board Meeting Minutes

02/06/2023

President – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Vice President – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – No report

Treasurer – Jim Self, KW4PW – Reported a bank balance of \$5232 after paying insurance renewal of \$323 and post office box rental of \$182.

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – No report

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP –

Testing – Ron Davis K4TCP/Dave Merritts AE4ZR – No report, Dave not attending.

Programs – Van Herridge N4VGE/Jim Wallace KO4PGH – The February program will be antenna analyzers. Jim is taking over the programs in March. Van N4VGE not attending.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB –

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – The Yorktown transmitter (146.79) has been swapped out for a replacement that measures 40 watts on a test meter as opposed to the 10 watts of the old transmitter.

Fund Raising – Jim Self KW4PW – Monthly raffle will be a 10 watt 2-meter HT. Tickets are still available for the Icom 7300 drawing.

Properties – Jim KO4PGH – An inventory of the current trailer was made during Winter Field Day.

Board Member at Large – Timothy Kirkpartick (TW), KF4CQH – not attending

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

Call to order: 1800 at the Hanahan library.

OLD BUSINESS:

H. L. Hunley special event station and POTA at Fort Moultrie. The National Park Service approved the application for operating on Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Ron K4TCP has obtained an insurance certificate for the event. The park gates will open at 9 AM for access to the parking lot and setup location. We will operate two HF stations using the N4HLH call sign from the approved location. Operator call signs will be logged for POTA credit. Notice of the special event has been sent to ARRL for publication in QST.

The Technician class had only one individual sign up. We need at least four or more students to make the class successful. We will continue to advertise the class on the TARC website.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP, and John KK4JS on the committee. The constitution and by-laws have been converted to an MS Word document and comments are still being incorporated. No new update.

The club will sell the last FT-897D (with power supply) for \$550 plus shipping. We need help from the membership to sell this item.

The club tri-fold pamphlet is in need of revision. Bob KJ4UGE and Ellen KJ4UGF will be working to revised tri-fold, with updated photos. Ellen took photos during Winter Field Day for this effort.

TARC 50th anniversary celebration, April 17, 2023. Planned program beyond the drawing a winner for the ICOM IC-7300, includes invitations to original (Tom W4DAX) and early members of the club. Tom W4DAX will give a short presentation about the history of the club and announce the scholarship winner.

The trailer committee has selected an interior design and presented to the board the following motion: Jim KO4NMB moved that we use the club debit card to purchase interior desks and storage units; the trailer account will repay the club with a check to cover the expense. Motion seconded by Jim KO4PGH and approved by the board. The bank has not yet provided the trailer account with a debit card.

W4DAX Scholarship Program. A team of three club members (Jim KO4NMB, Jim KO4PGH and Pam KO4WWN) will review and rank the applications during March and forward to Tom W4DAX the highest-ranking applications for his selection. Tom W4DAX will present the first \$1000 scholarship award at our April 2023 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom W4DAX, would like TARC to take over the Magic Jack IP voice mail costs. Jim KW4PW, moved that the expense is no longer needed and to delete the phone number from our website and trailer. Jim KO4NMB seconded the motion, the motion was approved and Tom W4DAX will be notified. Steve K4OPZ suggested we have a QR-code on the trailer and Steve KO4AFL will look into getting a scannable QR code.

Summer Field Day, need a person to take the lead and organize this event. ARRL Field day will be 24 and 25 June 2023. TW did a great job on Winter Field Day.

Properties needs a new chairperson, Jim KO4PGH the assistant is taking over as Programs chair. As we acquire the trailer and new equipment this will become an important role within the club.

Does the club want to return to being an IRS 501c (3) organization? Rather file back taxes, the club would make a new application as an educational organization. This change will allow us to apply for additional funding grants that we do not currently qualify for, such as Costal Carolina foundation grants. Mike K3ZMD suggests this would allow us to 'dream bigger' maybe funding a new repeater for support of the new trailer.

Dave Nicholson, W4AYS (formerly N5NAY), TARC VP 1990-92 seeks our help for John Lambert, N4YMX (formerly AC4VZ & KB4FBI) who is disabled and needs help putting up some antennas. To help with his recovery, Dave would like to organize an antenna party for him to get him back on the air. John resides in Ladson. Dave's phone is 704-622-3259.

Ken Curtis W4BKN, has serious health issues and is presently going through Cardiac Rehabilitation in Summerville. We will keep him informed of club activities

Adjourned: 1911

Raffle:

Program: For February: Antenna analyzers.