

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

02/20/2023



President – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW - Welcome

Vice President – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Arrived with Mike KJ4TAC and the new trailer just before the meeting.

Treasurer – Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance of \$5232 after paying insurance and post office box expenses.

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – no report

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP – Currently there are 87 paid members, one new member joined during the meeting.

Testing – Ron Davis K4TCP/Dave Merritts AE4ZR – The test session on 15 Feb had two folks testing and both passed.

Programs – Van Herridge N4VGE/Jim Wallace KO4PGH – The February program will be antenna analyzers. Jim is taking over the programs in March.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – The club received at QSL card for a 10-meter CW QSO on 14 Jan, that did coincide with a schedule club event.

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – The Yorktown (146.790) repeater has been swapped and the transmitter output is back up to normal power.

Fund Raising – Jim Self KW4PW – Monthly raffle will be a T10Radio, 10 watt 2-meter HT. Tickets are still available for the Icom 7300 drawing that will be held at the April meeting.

Board Member at Large – Timothy (TW) Kirkpatrick KF4CQH – not present.

Properties – Jim KO4PGH – A new properties manager is needed as Jim takes over programs full time.

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – The first milestone (trailer) of our grant award has arrived and was under budget. Electrical components are being ordered.

Call to order: 1902

OLD BUSINESS:

H. L. Hunley special event station and POTA at Fort Moultrie was held on February 18, 2023. QSOs: 210 on 20-meters and 20 on 15-meters, finished logs will be uploaded to QRZ and POTA.

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 will be presented to the board at the March board meeting.

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 Helen KJ4UGF will be working to revised tri-fold, with updated photos. Ellen took photos during Winter Field Day for this effort. If you have original digital photos, please send them to Helen at: my_allez@yahoo.com.

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 obtained most of the interior furniture for the trailer. The committee is now working on the electrical system design and will begin ordering those components. Lighting will be low-RF noise LEDs for desks and overhead. A 24 volt DC battery bank is being priced, along with DC-DC converters to supply radios with constant 13.8 volts.

W4DAX Scholarship Program. A team of three club members (Jim KO4MNB, 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:

TARC will no longer have a phone number on the website or trailer. A QR code will be added to the trailer and tri-fold.

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. This will require annual filing with the SC Secretary of State office for minor charities.

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.

Steve KO4AFL moved that the club pay for GPS tracker as part of the security package for the trailer. The annual cost is \$83.88 for the GPS tracker. The motion was seconded by Van N4VGE; the 36 members present voted to approve the motion.

Ron K4TCP reported the following: Relayed by KN4EIW (Wally), From NTS : From W8MAL Mike, Oak Harbor, OH Message: Thanks for activating SES N4HLH 73. Ron sent back a 73 thanks for the contact message.

Adjourned: 2004

Raffle: Bill Wells W4WWE won the T10Radio.
Program: For February: Antenna analyzers.