

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Board Meeting Minutes

05/01/2023

President – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –

Vice President – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – No report

Treasurer – Jim Self, KW4PW – The current bank balance is \$6751.02 after spending \$65 for a hard-shell case for one of the new radios. The Icom 7300 raffle had ticket sales of \$2240; most coming on the evening of the April meeting, with net of \$1240 to the club after cost of the radio.

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – No report

Board Member at Large – Timothy (TW) Kirkpatrick KF4CQH – On phone

Board Member at Large – Dave Merritts AE4ZR – Boat yard secured for Museum Ships

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP – Membership stands at 95 paid. There were 55 folks at the April meeting (including the scholarship winner and her family). Two people have expressed interest in attending a technician class.

Testing – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack KO4AFL – No sign-ups for the exam session on 17 May so far.

Programs – Jim Wallace KO4PGH – The May program will be on the VOA relay site in NC. Glenn suggested a program on safety around high voltage transmission lines based on a recent incident.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Sent stamped envelopes to the incoming ARRL QSO manager for N4EE. Received one card from a contact in Italy.

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – The 147.27 repeater is out of service now that the county is removing the tower. All radios and antennas will be relocated by the county; exact location is still pending.

Fund Raising – Jim Self KW4PW – Baofeng or similar HT for the May meeting

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – MHRS is on schedule for electrical and antenna installation. Most recently spent \$19517, with \$1200 grant funds remaining. Dual fuel inverter generators have been ordered. The originally ordered batteries will not be available for install in the MHRS by the June Field Day.

Jim Wasson KO4MNB moves that we spend \$1400 for two 250 AH batteries from Eco Worthy. Motion was seconded by Jim Self KW4PW. The president called for discussion; there was none. The motion was approved by the board.

Call to order: 1800 at the Hanahan Library

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring work day is set for 20 May beginning at 9 AM at the Glenn Stephens' field. We will inventory the old trailer, then set up and test current club antennas with the new radios and MHRS. There will not be a port-a-potty that day. Jim KO4MNB is the point of contact.

Museum ships weekend is 3 & 4 June; David AE4ZR is the POC. We will set up at the Cooper River Boatyard for the weekend's operations in the same location as past years. The yard manager will program one phone the week prior to open and close the gate.

Summer Field Day (SFD), 24 and 25 June 2023. Jim KO4PGH has agreed to take the lead on organizing SFD. TW KF4CQH will assist Jim. The SFD rules have been published by ARRL. We

will operate three stations for the event this year, with Greg Mitchell KB1AWM bringing his trailer and radios for the third station (CW and maybe digital). Setup will be Saturday morning about 11:00 AM, on the air beginning at 14:00 PM until around noon on Sunday. The location will be the open field just past Glenn Stephens house will be the field day site. Sign up will be on-line for: setup Saturday, operators and loggers (various times each day) and tear down Sunday.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP reported that editing of the scanned original document is still in progress to correct formatting issues.

The club tri-fold pamphlet revision is in progress. Email Helen at HDEITRICK@aol.com with recent pictures that could be used to illustrate club activities.

Mobile Ham Radio Station update: Steve KO4AFL is working to procure a quote for trailer theft and damage insurance. Theft and damage insurance quotes received so far are between \$900 and \$1300, excluding terrorism coverage. ARRL will not insure trailers with wheels.

TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH has stepped forward to take on the properties lead.

STEM Education Day during week long camp in June. The organizer has us participating on June 21 at the ECPI campus in North Charleston. We will invite those attendees to visit us during Summer Field Day. Several folks will be needed to setup antennas and run radios for this event.

Jim KO4MNB and Steve K4OPZ will return to St. John Catholic School in North Charleston during their 'field day' on 19 May with the MHRS and give ham radio demos to students. The club will take the MHRS to the Cynthia Graham Hurd/St Andrews Library for their community day on 17 June.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lee Hill WA5YZB reached out to the club; he has equipment and radio tower that he is trying to sell for an old Ham and a friend. He can be reached at 843-270-0608 or email: lh1106@comcast.net. TW reports that most of the gear is old and we should avoid trying to sell it. TW did report he had three sections of a tower that is usable.

Glenn was approached by two hams (John 'Archie' Durland K4IUG and Joseph Lane K4LTF) interested in using the old Adams Run repeater frequency (147.345) and our duplexer from Adams Run for a new repeater on a 450-foot tower. The pair currently has the cable run needed for installation and a repeater controller. Bryce will inquire if they would like to be linked into the network.

Glenn introduced a motion to allow Joe K4LTF & Archie K4IUG to use our duplexer for their repeater with the stipulation that if their repeater is taken out of service, the duplexer will be returned to TARC. Jim KW4PW seconded the motion. Discussion involved the need for a written memorandum of understanding between TARC and the group wanting to use the duplexer. The board approved the motion.

Ron K4TCP brought up the possible return of a tailgate at the Masonic lodge in Goose Creek. Ron K4TCP will take this as an action item and determine possible location, date and time.

Adjourned: 1925

Raffle:

Program: