

# Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



## Board Meeting Minutes

06/05/2023

**President** – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – present

**Vice President** – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – present

**Treasurer** – Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance \$6800 before purchase of generator; about \$5200 after.

**Secretary** – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – present

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

**Board Member at Large** – Dave Merritts AE4ZR – present

**Membership** – Ron Davis, K4TCP – There 95 members in good standing.

**Testing** – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack KO4AFL – The next testing session will be 21 June.

**Programs** – Jim Wallace KO4PGH – June program will be power up and down of the MHRS. July program will be on generators.

**QSL manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – present

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – present

**Fund Raising** – Jim Self KW4PW –

**Properties** – TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH –

**Grant Project Manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Grant funds remaining of \$737.41.

Call to order: 1800

### OLD BUSINESS:

Spring work day was 20 May. TARC members cleaned out the old trailer and decided what we would keep and what we would discard. Those items that we kept were inventoried by TW KF4CQH, and were either placed in the MHRS for use at the next event, or were put back into the old trailer. TW KF4CQH hauled off much of the junk that had accumulated in the trailer.

Museum ships weekend is 3 & 4 June. N4HLH was on the air for 24 hours Friday evening to Saturday evening. Operating the air conditioning unit can make the MHRS noisy and listening to radios difficult.

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 radio for the third station (CW and maybe digital). Setup will begin 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, loggers (various times each day), and tear down Sunday.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP reviewed the final draft of constitution, bylaws, and procedures. Major revisions were: deletion of the phone tree, deletion of loaning of equipment, no longer requiring two readings of a membership application, and combine web page and publicity under the new 'social media' section. Members will be emailed a file for review before voting at the July meeting on the revised document.

The club tri-fold pamphlet revision is complete. Ron K4TCP had a sample printing of 25 copies from Staples for review, before sending out for a longer print run. The club will order 250 copies from another printer that will be using our paper stock to reduce printing expense.

Mobile Ham Radio Station update: The new batteries have been installed, one was damaged in shipping and the replacement battery was found to be damaged but repairable here. The Champion generators during testing with club radios and antennas were found very RFI noisy. A used Honda EU2200i generator with installed propane kit has been purchased to replace one of the generators. A second Honda generator will be purchased (about \$1250 and \$280 for propane kit). Four propane tanks were purchased. The two Champion generators will be sold for \$450 each. Steve KO4AFL was able to start the big Champion generator, which will also be offered for sale at \$450. Proceeds from the generator sales will cover most of the Honda costs and propane kits for the second Honda generator. The audio system has arrived and should be installed for Field Day. Steve KO4AFL is still working to procure a quote for trailer theft and damage insurance.

STEM Education Day during week long camp in June. The organizer has us participating on Friday, June 23 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, Steve K4OPZ and Glenn WA4NMW visited St. John Catholic School in North Charleston during their 'field day' on 19 May with the MHRS. Students and some faculty got to talk on the VHF radio and some learned to send their names in Morse code. An HF radio was used to make several QRP QSOs. The school principal, Karen Durand, said she will include Amateur Radio Education Classes in their Fall curriculum with the assistance of TARC members.

The club will take the MHRS to the Cynthia Graham Hurd/St Andrews Library for their community day on 17 June. TARC will arrive at 10 AM to reserve space for the MHRS. We need help to set up antennas and run radios in the MHRS 11:00am to 3:00pm. The event opens to the public at Noon and can serve as an opportunity to generate interest in our 11 July presentation on our planned Technician training classes/licensing exam at the library.

Glenn was approached by the 'West Ashley Repeater group' (John 'Archie' Durland K4IUG and Joseph Lane K4LTF) who are interested in using the old Adams Run repeater frequency (147.345) and our duplexer from us for a new repeater on at the 335-foot level of the new Charleston County tower at Adams Run. They are currently working to obtain permits from the county for the new repeater.

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.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

TARC will present a program at The Cynthia Graham Hurd/St Andrews Library the afternoon of 11 July from 4 PM to 5:30 PM. The presentation will provide an introduction to our technician class schedule, FCC requirements and testing for the license.

Boy Scouts of America JOTA 10-21-2023 will be an opportunity to demonstrate ham radio to Sea Scout Ship #1 in Charleston. Jim KO4MNB will be contacting the Sea Scout leadership. We will need folks to man the MHRS.

Adjourned: 1954

Raffle:

Program: MHRS start up and shut down procedures.