

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Board Meeting Minutes

08/07/2023

President – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –

Vice President – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –

Treasurer – Jim Self, KW4PW – absent

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ –

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

Board Member at Large – Dave Merritts, AE4ZR –

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP – There are 96 paid members.

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –

Programs – Jim Wallace, KO4PGH – The August program will be officer elections.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB –

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – No update on relocation of the 147.27 repeater in Dorchester County.

Fund Raising – Jim Self, KW4PW – absent

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Remaining grant balance is \$600.

Call to order: 1800 at the Hanahan Library.

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP provided a revised copy after correcting typos found at the membership meeting in July. A hi-level summary will be sent to the membership. Members wishing to review the entire document will be emailed a link to the pdf file for review before voting at the August meeting on the revised document.

Boy Scouts of America JOTA is 21 Oct 2023 the event provides an opportunity to demonstrate ham radio to Sea Scout Ship #1 in Charleston. Jim KO4MNB is in contact with the Sea Scout leadership and waiting for them to secure a location. We will need folks to man the MHRS. John Atkinson, K4ODA, asked if we could support his troop with VHF radio contacts, which we will do.

Elections and Nominations are now open. The nominating committee members: Jan KX4MI, Mike KJ4TAC and John KK4JS. Mike KJ4TAC distributed forms to allow members to make nominations. Some names have already been placed on the slate and a committee member will be reaching out to confirm nominees do wish to run for office. The nominating committee reported on the slate of officers. Elections will be at the August membership meeting. Mike KJ4TAC and John KK4JS will count ballots.

MHRS deployment to Riverfront Park, North Charleston for National Night Out on 1 August. The club was invited by the North Charleston Police Department to participate in this event. We had some visitors to the station and a few kids did their names in Morse code.

The trailer group is still waiting for the intercom system to arrive, install of computers and monitors. As the trailer is put in service a list of improvements or additions will be requested from those operating from the MHRS.

NEW BUSINESS:

MHRS future deployments:

The City of Charleston has invited TARC to bring the MHRS to the City of Charleston's "First Day Festival" Back to School event. TARC will be setup at Liberty Square on Sunday, August 13, 1:00-4:00.

The date in September for the Trident Tech visit has not been determined. Moving forward the club will focus on STEM events and school events for use of the MHRS.

The trailer group will organize training days to cover setup, use of the new radios, take down and securing the trailer. This training will be done with groups of 3 to 4 club members to ensure each person is familiar with all the systems that have been installed.

Alternative sites for winter field day and summer field day. In the past the club had gone to state parks for 'field day' events. Jim KW4PW reported that RV site for a two-night weekend is less than the cost of a 'port-a-potty' rental. Jim will gather additional information for the next board meeting.

Little David (Special Event Station W4D) event on October 7 will be our fall operating day. TW KF4CQH is trying to contact the official at Santee Cooper for use of the Santee Cooper lineman rodeo field, same as last year. Ron K4TCP will contact ARRL to advertise the SES and obtain use of the W4D call.

Steve KO4AFL, motioned that 'Nifty' guides be purchased for each of the three radios we now have for the MHRS at the Huntsville Hamfest to save on shipping costs. Motion seconded by David AE4ZR and approved by the board.

Adjourned: 1915 into executive session. Adjourned from executive session at 1945.

Raffle:

Program: Officer elections.