

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Membership Meeting Minutes

08/21/2023

President – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – Welcome

Vice President – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – no report

Treasurer – Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance is \$5019.90 after purchasing three Baofeng HT radios for \$104 for meeting raffles. The sale of an excess battery brought in \$400 (not yet deposited at the bank). Total expenses are \$1300 for the year. Dues are beginning to trickle in. Dues are payable beginning in September.

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – no report

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

Board Member at Large – Dave Merritts, AE4ZR –

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP –

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – No testing in August, one person signed up for September test already.

Programs – Jim Wallace, KO4PGH – No August program due to officer elections. The September program will be on care of LiFePO batteries by Glenn WA4NMW.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – QSL cards/records are up-to-date.

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – Repeaters currently operating normally.

Fund Raising – Jim Self, KW4PW – HT raffles net about \$35 after purchase of the radios.

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – Current list of equipment is available.

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – There is \$600 remaining in the grant account, with most of that designated for the purchase of the contest intercom console for the MHRS. After that remaining funds must be spent or returned to ARRL in December.

Call to order: 1907 Red Cross office in North Charleston

Election of Officers

The nominating committee members were: Jan KX4MI, Mike KJ4TAC and John KK4JS. Ballots were counted by Mike KJ4TAC, Jan KX4MI and John KK4JS.

Election results:

President: Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Vice President: TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH

Treasurer: Jim Self, KW4PW

Secretary: Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH

Board Member at Large: Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Board Member at Large: Chris Benoit, KC4NW

They shall take office at the regular member meeting in September.

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitution, Bylaws and Policies/Procedures Review (CB&PP) committee report. Ron K4TCP provided a revised copy after correcting typos found at the membership meeting in July and distributed those to the membership as requested. Mike KJ4TAC moved the membership vote to approve the revised document as presented. Leo Hutchins KO4VHJ

seconded the motion. Discussion: Jim KO4MNB mentioned that in January 2023 the Board authorized the formation of the trailer committee and a scholarship committee; however, neither committee is mentioned in the Bylaws as one of the Ad Hoc Committees. He stated that it was his hope that the new Board will define the charter of these new committees and include them in the next iteration of the Bylaws. The president called for a vote on the motion; motion to approve the CB&PP, dated 16 August 2023, carried by voice vote of the membership present.

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.

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 deployments:

The City of Charleston invited TARC to bring the MHRS to the City of Charleston's "First Day Festival" Back to School event. TARC was setup at Liberty Square on Sunday, August 13, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Folks were lined up to visit the trailer and talk on the radio.

The date in September for the Trident Tech visit has not been determined. They are planning to have us for an Engineering Department event. 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' type events. 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 Kirkpatrick KF4CQH, has been given permission for the clubs use of the lineman training area. Santee Cooper is making some modifications the field. The gate on Stoney Landing Rd, Moncks Corner will be open; same as last year. Operating time will be 10 AM to about 3 PM. Ron K4TCP has contacted ARRL to advertise the SES and we have the W4D callsign for the event.

The TRAC board approved the purchase 'Nifty' guides for each of the three radios we now have for the MHRS. The guides are being shipped to us.

South Carolina POTA weekend is September 16 and 17. <https://scpota.org/> has some information. Point of contact: info@scpota.org.

The ARRL SC Cabinet announced Steve Anderjack KO4AFL as the new Assistant Section Manager.

Adjourned: 1958

Raffle: The Baofeng HT radio was won by Steve Meadows, KM4DWJ