

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Board Meeting Minutes

08/28/2023

Incoming Officers:

President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome & introduce new board members

Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – Trailer inventory updated, need to organize trailer contents based on type of deployment it will be used for. Need to remove the construction materials. All chairs need to be secured before moving trailer.

Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance \$5080. Will receive a refund of six months trailer insurance premium.

Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH - Present

Board Member at Large - Chris Benoit, KC4NW - Present

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – On phone

Outgoing board members:

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – Unable to access the safe deposit box at SC Federal, will return the key to Mike Edwards.

Board Member at Large – Dave Merritts, AE4ZR – Present

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP – The new membership year begins 1 September.

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – One person signed up for September test on 20 Sept.

Programs – Jim Wallace, KO4PGH – The September program will on care of LiFePO4 batteries by Glenn WA4NMW. The October program will introduce the club Elmers/mentors and what they can help with.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Up-to-date.

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – No new information on moving the 147.27 Dorchester repeater.

Fund Raising – Jim Self, KW4PW – We spend \$34 for the HT radio and collect about \$75 each month. Would we consider a raffle prize of ARRL dues?

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – Trailer inventory is complete.

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Remaining grant funds will be spent by December or returned to ARRL Foundation.

Call to order: 1810 Hanahan Library

OLD BUSINESS:

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

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 club's 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 first trailer training day will be 7 October at 9 AM at the Little David SES site. 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. As folks complete the training they will receive a card indicating areas they are trained in.

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. This event will be at BSA Camp Moultrie, 148 Boy Scout Ln, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. 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.

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.

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 KW4PW will gather additional information for the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Need to develop a list of members with trucks capable and willing to tow the trailer to various sites.

Financial audit will be conducted in September by three members (not recent or current officers).

Desire to realign Education, Scholarship and Training committees. Discussion about forming the new Education and Scholarship Committee and how it differs from the Training Committee

Future MHRS deployments:

The visit to Trident Tech will be in the spring (February or March 2024). They are planning to have us for an Electrical/Electronics Engineering Department event. Moving forward the club will focus on STEM events and school events for use of the MHRS.

Adjourned: 1933

Raffle:

Program: