

# Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



## Membership Meeting Minutes

09/18/2023

### Officers:

**President** - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

**Vice President** - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH: No report

**Treasurer** - Jim Self, KW4PW-

- Financial audit will be conducted in September by three members (not recent or current officers).
- All bills have been paid.
- Trailer insurance pd for 1 year. Awaiting refund for 6 months.
- Awaiting rebate of \$100 for the ICON 7300.
- Fund Baofeng Radio for raffle
- Remaining Grant money \$601 to be used by December 2023
  - Use \$200 on intercom
  - Remainder will be used by Nov 2023

**Secretary** - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH

**Board Member at Large** - Chris Benoit, KC4NW

**Board Member at Large** - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

- Education Presentation

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

- 104 members. Pay by end of Dec 23 or removed from TARC roster.

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

**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.

- Assistance of 1 or 2 people needed to move the shack Sangree Ladson area

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

- All current

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – Update on moving the 147.27 Dorchester repeater.

**Fund Raising** – Jim Self, KW4PW – Radios

**Properties** – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –

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

**Education and Scholarship**- Jim Wasson, KO4MNB-See notes below.

Call to order:1900

Location: Am Red Cross: 8085 Rivers Ave., N Charleston, SC

### OLD BUSINESS:

### Upcoming Events:

Little David (Special Event Station W4D) event on **7 Oct 23** 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 Stony 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. Update: Verbal permission has been received to use the field.

The first MHRS Training Day will be **7 Oct 23** 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 23** 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. Update: Jim Self KW4PW will be there at 9 AM.

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 Self KW4PW will gather additional information for the next board meeting.

The visit to Trident Tech will be in the spring (**Feb or Mar 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.

#### **Trailer Update:**

The trailer group is still waiting for remaining parts (aka contest console) of the intercom system to arrive, install of computers and monitors to allow loggers and operators to hear each other through their respective headsets.

The intercom (aka contest console) is one unit that goes inline of the radio pro and user pro units. Steve has received the prototype unit and will be testing it out soon. The production units should be ready for order in November cost is \$200 plus shipping. He will have the console to show off at the meeting.

As the trailer is put in service a list of improvements or additions will be requested from those operating from the MHRS.

#### **MHRS Trailer Committee:**

Committee updated from Design to Maintain

Trailer considered Property

Establish crew: 3 minimum

Develop a list of members with trucks capable and willing to tow the trailer to various sites by establishing a schedule and responsible for set up.

Establish criteria/vet for deployment of trailer including STEM and school visits

Determine remaining items to purchase with remaining Grant monies.

#### **Constitution and Bylaws:**

Jim Wasson KO4MNB mentioned that in Jan 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.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Education and Scholarship: POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB**

Team will be at St. John Catholic School on **13 Oct 23** from 11-12 noon. A classroom will be used, not the trailer. The trailer had been at the school in March 2023.

Discussion to restart Palmetto Scholars Academy K4PSA.

School Counselor Kickoff: **22 Sep 23** from 10-12 noon at Trident Technical College, SC Aeronautical Training Center, 7000 Rivers Ave., N Charleston, SC 29406.

Scholarship Update: This year TARC will offer 2 scholarships. 26 different high schools received email from TARC providing info on the scholarship. There is a POC for each county. The scholarships are \$1,000 each and will be presented in **April 2024**.

### **Future MHRs deployments:**

Hunley Event Feb 2024 at Fort Moultrie. POC Tom Valencia W4ID

### **Information:**

146.345 is back on the air on Sunday at 2 pm at Adams Run.

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Renata Sierzega  
KQ4ASH

Adjourned: 2000

Raffle:

Program: Care of LiFePO4 batteries: Glenn WA4NMW