

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Board Meeting Minutes Final

10/2/2023

Officers:

President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome

Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – See below

Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW – See below

Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH -

Board Member at Large - Chris Benoit, KC4NW -

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP – Currently 104 members. To date 25% have pd dues.

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – No one has signed up to date

Programs – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Behr (Jim Wallace, KO4PGH Absent) –The October program will introduce the club Elmers/mentors and what they can help with.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Current. No cards available at this time.

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – Absent

Fund Raising –Jim Self, KW4PW –

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –

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

Call to order: 1807 @ Hanahan Library 1216 Old Murry Ct., Hanahan, SC

OLD BUSINESS:

Outgoing board members:

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – Unable to access the safe deposit box at SC Federal, will return the key to Mike Edwards. Update: Board voted to discontinue the use of the safe deposit box when able per contract. Documents to be maintained by the Board electronically.

MHRS: Events & Committee Reports

Little David (Special Event Station W4D) event on **7 Oct 23** will be our fall operating day. Steve KO4AFL will be towing the trailer. TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH, has been given permission for the club's use of the lineman training area. Old Santee Canal Park 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. Update: Verbal permission has been received to use the field.

The first trailer 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. To date, no one has signed up for training.

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. Update: Sea Scouts have canceled this event.

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. Update: Details needed prior to Dec 23. POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB

Trailer Maintenance Committee: Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, 4 Oct 23 at 6 pm.

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.

Committee to finalize use of remaining Grant funds on Wed, 4 Oct 23.

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. Excess supplies will be stored in TW KF4CQH shed.

List of members to date with trucks capable and willing to tow the trailer to various sites include Steve KO4AFL, Jim Self KW4PW, Mike Edwards KJ4TAC and Chip Mack WB4ZVR. They will establish their own support team members.

Suggestion: Tanks can be refilled at Ace Hardware, 713 Old Trolley Road, Summerville, SC

Trailer insurance: State Farm issued policy ID cards but not current policy documents. Also, awaiting refund of 6 months over payment as TARC pd 1 year premium instead of required 6 months.

Non-MHRS Events:

St John Catholic School 13 Oct 23 from 11-12 noon. ARRL education curriculum obtained. One lesson per month. Lesson 1: History of Amateur Radio. Lesson 2: Build crystal radios (5-7 students only). Discussion on who will purchase the radios (TARC or school). Approx. 50 students in 5th-8th grade. POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB & Steve Behr K4OPZ

Discussion to restart of Palmetto Scholars Academy K4PSA continues. POC Jim Wasson

Field Days

Alternative sites for winter field day (**Jan 2024**) and summer field day. Site suggested included Givhans State Park and Old Santee Park. Additional costs include entrance to park, shelters, RV parking costs and close down of radios overnight. POC Jim Self KW4PW

Constitution and Bylaws:

Draft addition of Trailer Committee and Education/Scholarship committee to the Bylaws as standing committees. To be completed for annual review of Bylaws (**Sept 2024**)

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurers Report:

Bank balance \$5766.

Will receive a refund of six months trailer insurance premium.

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

As of 9/20/23

\$70 on raffle

35 to Chip Mack for propane

Approx. 400 for dues

Total deposit 458

Balance 5737.34

Mark your calendars as the following will be due: Costs are estimates

Website hosting 1/20/2024 - 1 year \$156 or 3 years \$396

Domain registration 1/16/2025 - yearly \$18

Update: Account currently maintained at a local bank. Triple signatures include Glen WA4MNB, Steve KO4AFL and Jim. John Satterfield [to return debit card](#).

Future MHRS deployments:

National Stem Day in **8 Nov 23** POC Steve Behr

Latoya Stephens: <mailto:stephensl@bcstdschools.net> Carolyn Lewis School (new BCSD school in Carnes Crossroads) is hosting a Career on Wheels Day on Friday, **17 Nov 23** from 8:30am-12:30pm with 4th and 5th graders touring from 1000 to 1050. Arrive on site by 0730. Career on Wheels is an experiential way for students to learn about different careers. By inviting different cars, trucks, or anything that moves, students learn and enjoy the hands-on learning. Volunteers will be presenting to Pk-5th grade classes who will each rotate to different vehicle stations for 5-6-minute sessions. Each class will have approximately 20-25 students and a teacher coming to hear your presentation. Some suggestions for topics that you may choose to cover in your presentation include: What is a typical day in your career like? How does your vehicle help you in your job? The education/training required in your field? The character traits required in your job. Update: TARC needs 3-4 members to assist including towing - Contact Jim Self and Chip Mack; discussion on value for students below 4th grade - more value for higher grades; **confirm our commitment to school by 31 Oct 23**. POC Steve Behr

Hunley Event Feb 2024 at Fort Moultrie. 2024 application draft of the special use permit for Hunley event reviewed. Additionally asking approval to utilize the E-comm trailer on their property. Discussed location of trailer for event. Board voted to purchase weights for tent poles. Site requests battery not generator use for power and insurance certificate. Gates open at 9 AM. TARC members to arrive at 10 AM. TARC will use ARRL station ID. POC Tom Valenzia W4ID

Education Programs/ Scholarship:

The TARC Education & Scholarship Committee made a presentation to over 60 HS counselors at TTC. Several are interested integrating ham radio classes into their curriculums. We might serve them better by having the ARRL Teachers Institute do a session here in town and then support the teachers after the fact. We had 4 slides in our presentation talking about the ARRL Teachers Institute. One school has expressed interest to date. See Jim Wasson for listings. POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Patricia Ferguson at DEW.

Approved ordering 250 more TARC tri-fold brochures. POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB

Adjourned: 1932

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Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH