

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Board Meeting Minutes FINAL

1/3/2024

Officers:

President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome

Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – via phone

Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW – Absent.

Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH –

Board Member at Large - Chris Benoit, KC4NW –

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP –

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Programs – Greg Mitchell KB1AWM -Absent

QSL manager –Chris Benoit KC4NW

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF –

Fund Raising –Jim Self, KW4PW – Raffle: Crimper and a large package of Anderson power pole connectors donated by Jim KW4PW for Jan 24 membership meeting

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – via phone

Education and Scholarship- Jim Wasson KO4MNB / Stephen Behr K4OPZ

Field Day- Ron K4TCP

Call to order: 1812

Location: 1800 @ Hanahan Library 1216 Old Murry Ct., Hanahan, SC

Upcoming Events

Winter Field Day: 27 @ 1900-28 Jan 2023 @ 1859: POC John Satterfield KK4JS

- Glenn's place: 251 E Highland Dr., Summerville, SC. John KK4JS will rent the porta potty. Chip has sandwich board signs and cones for directions once close to the address.
- Latest rules emailed 12/5/23.
- Porta potty rented \$137
- Donated items will be on a table with price tags. Members may purchase these items. Members may not bring items for sale, only for donation for the club to sell.

Hunley Event 17 Feb 2024 at Fort Moultrie, 1214 Middle St., Sullivans Island, SC.

- Gates open at 9 AM and trailer setup. POC Steve KO4AFL.
- TARC members to arrive at 10 AM. TARC will use N4HLH station ID.
- The "yellow" grassy area is reserved for support vehicles. This is where our trailer will be located. We might have to consider shoring in the event we have wet/soft ground. Shore boards are available for under the trailer. Please note, no antennas will be allowed outside of the red perimeter. POC Tom Valenzia W4ID
- Computer set up needs to be completed
- Certificate request needs to be completed.

Summer Field Day 22-23 June 2024 POC John KK4JS Club needs to find a location by the Feb 2024 meeting. Renata KQ4ASH showed a video of potential location at St John's Episcopal Church 3673 Maybank Hwy, Johns Island, SC. Ron agreed to visit the site to ensure it might be acceptable. Renata has sent an email to the church to meet to discuss this further.

JBC (Joint Base Charleston) Air Show: 19-21 Apr 2024 Discussed this STEM event and all supplies and equipment. No hanger but base provides two canopies, table and chairs. TARC needs 3 members per ½ day so 6 slots per day to cover this event. To date the following have volunteered.

Chip, Renata, TW, Steve KO4AFL, Jim KO4MNB, Chris, and Ron. Chip/Ron to send out and email to members and a sign-up Genius. TARC call sign N4EE will be used. POC Chip KB4ZVR

OLD BUSINESS:

Outgoing board members:

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ and Mike Edwards KJ4TAC Board voted to discontinue the use of the safe deposit box when able per contract. Box is at South Carolina Fed Credit Union, 1900 McMillian Ave, N Charleston SC. Documents to be maintained by the Board electronically. No one has a key. Someone needs to go to the bank to close the box. (Oct 2023)

Maintenance and Deployment Committee: POC Steve Anderjack KO4AFL Members: Chip WB4ZVR & Jim KW4PW & Mike KJ4TAC & Ron K4TCP & Glenn WA4NMW

A meeting needs to be called to resolve all of these items. (Jan 2024)

The Board must define the charter of this standing committee in the Bylaws and appoint a leader. (Dec 2023)

The committee will establish criteria/vet for deployment of trailer including STEM and school visits. Reviewing use and deployment options. A towing member will always be included in any site visit. Will be sending out a survey for areas where/when to deploy. (Dec 2023) POC Steve KO4AFL

At the Board Meeting, Jim KO4MNB, said he created the draft survey questionnaire as a starting point for the Board's consideration. His vision was to hand out hard copies at the next club meeting for members to complete in 5 minutes. Steve, KO4AFL, stated he had some additions to the survey and wanted to convert it to Survey Monkey to email it to the members. Please be aware that Survey Monkey charges for their service if we use rank order measuring scales, which I believe are needed to indicate preferences. I also believe they charge for using large distribution lists. See attached. (Jan 24)

The second intercom system has arrived and the computers and monitors need to be delivered to trailer and installed. As the trailer is put in service, a list of improvements or additions will be requested from those operating from the MHRS. Rework on devices is pending and will be shipped out. Sound dampening foam was donated and needs installation. Work left to be done: mount propane tanks after floor repair, clean and organize the trailer. (Dec 2023) POC Ron K4TCP

Any TARC member involved in programs with children need to complete the Boy Scouts of America child protection training. Website scouting.org: Training: Scroll down: [Click here to login and take Youth Protection training](#). You do not have to be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America to take Youth Protection training. Update: The Catholic School has its own program. TARC will not track which members have this training. (Closed)

Education and Scholarship Committee:

Discussion to restart of Palmetto Scholars Academy K4PSA continues Steve will also be in contact with PSA teacher. Donna Heisler (engineering teacher, sponsors robotics) Update: New interim principal is interested Tara is interested but has other pressing responsibilities. Steve to make an appt with the principal and 2 science teachers. (Jan 2024) POC Steve Behr K4OPZ

Joint Base Charleston: See info under Events.

Bishop England HS: St. John Catholic School has approached BEHS to team to propose to build a station with the end goal of an ISS contact. The ARISS school contact application is due **Spring 2024**. They have agreed to team up to write a joint proposal for the Amateur Radio for the

International Space Station (ARISS) submission in the **Spring 2024**. They will need a TARC Letter of Commitment. No progress from BEHS since last meeting. POC Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ & Greg Mitchell KB1AWM

Dr. Patricia Ferguson, from the SC Department of Employment and Workforce, has been in contact with Jim. The ARISS proposal to be submitted in the **Spring 2024** will be presented to TARC in **January 2024** for review. They will need a TARC Letter of Commitment. Update: Dr. Ferguson will meet with other teachers. POC Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

Properties:

Items donated will be available to purchase at the Winter Field Day.

Membership:

Membership name badges from Palmetto Awards price increased. Board discussed utilizing a different membership badge including additional info such as license and other training info or just add the fee to the membership for the first year. Discussion continued regarding solution. (Nov 23)

Ron K4TCP to send targeted emails to members that have not yet paid their membership fees. (Jan 24)

Ron to find out info on ARRL coupon codes.

Discussion on obtaining TARC items such as hats, name tags etc. Ron K4TCP will bring samples to the Feb 24 Board Meeting.

TARC Website: Remind members about all the resources available at next membership meeting.

QSL: Discussion on use of TARC specific call sign instead of sharing. W4ANK was decided to be the call sign in the future. A trustee needs to be named for this call sign. The club will also maintain N4EE. Rick Valentine N8BKN is the FCC trustee of N4EE.

Media: Relook at Facebook and Meetup opportunities. Mail chimp dumps info into the Facebook page. POC Ron Davis
K4TCP

Program ideas: The following ideas to be considered for future club programming for members.

- January: John KK4JS - "ADIF Master Basics"
- February: Chip Mack WB4ZVR - "It's About Time"
- Technician Session: Glen WA4MNV
- Radio modes: APRS
- Radio activities: satellite
- Propagation information
- J pole and antennas:
- Programing for Extras
- Ladder lines

TREASURER: South Carolina Federal Credit Union

- Total balance: \$6,388
- Expenses:
 - Paid \$31.99 for the use of the shelter for the clubs Christmas pot luck.
- Social media: Website: Dream Host
 - Hosting: \$185 for 1 year approved due **1/20/24**
 - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/25**
- John Satterfield KK4JS still has a working debit card but hasn't used it unless asked by the President or Treasurer.

- Signatures updated on the account to include Stephen Anderjack KO4AFL, Jim Self KW4PW and TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH with appointment letters for the bank.
- Insurance premium due on MHRT **1/16/24**.
 - Ron K4TCP discussed changes in insurance coverage and will contact the company. We are covered until **3/16/24**.

NEW BUSINESS:

Events:

Education and Scholarship Committee:

St John Catholic School: ARRL education curriculum. One lesson per month. The following members assisted. Glenn W4NMW, Tim KQ4JVQ, Tom W4ID, Steve K4OPZ, Jim KO4MNB, Tom AJ4UQ and Frank K1FHT.

TARC to consider asking Molly Meyer to attend the first class for the Teachers Institute.

Jim KO4MNB met with Karen Durand, Principal of St. John Catholic School about the proposed 2024 Education Program.

In review, in Oct-Dec 2023 the team explained how the three stages (tuner, detector, filter) of a radio work, and the kids built and tested their own crystal radios.

In January 2024, they will be giving a lecture on transistor amplifiers, and in February 2024 the students will be building and testing audio amplifiers designed to connect to their crystal radios. Jim brought a completed radio and amp to the Jan 15 membership meeting.

Stephen Behr, Ron Davis and Jim are donating the parts. Jim asks members to once again assist the students to assemble their amplifier kits. It is usually 6 teams of 4 students each. In the meantime, TARC installed additional electrical outlets in five classrooms today thereby eliminating several potential fire hazards and creating a safer environment. POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Stephen Behr K4OPZ

General Information:

Testing: Testing is scheduled the 3rd Wed of every month. Fees are going up.

Field Day Committee: POC Ron K4TCP, TW KF4CQH and John KK4JS have volunteered to head this committee.

Citadel Ham Radio Club: Col Linda Riedel, Dep Dir of Ops and Outreach, Citadel DoD Cyber Institute has responded to Jim's email to reactivate the Citadel Ham Radio Station. POC: Jim KO4MNB

[Bill Text: SC H4549 | 2023-2024 | 125th General Assembly | Introduced | LegiScan](#)

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT OR ENFORCE CERTAIN ORDINANCES THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE AMATEUR RADIO PREEMPTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MAY NOT PROHIBIT AN OWNER OF A PROPERTY WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION FROM INSTALLING OR USING AN AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA ON THE PROPERTY.

Update: Jim will be in touch with legislators.

Fraud alert on our account. Someone had enough info to attempt to access our account... From Alibaba. The card was cancelled. Jim will go to SC Federal and get a new one. POC Jim KW4PW

Amateur Radio Extra Class Licensing course (free, weekly, live) on Zoom will begin on Thursday, January 18, 2024, and will run through Thursday, March 28. There will be 11 sessions. The three-hour sessions will start at 6:30 PM Eastern Time. Sessions will be recorded. Those attending should hold (or be studying for) the General Class Amateur Radio License. These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the National Electronics Museum. Those wishing to sign up should email roland.anders@comcast.net. Ron to send this info via email to members.
Adjourned: 2000

V/R

Renata Sierzega
KQ4ASH