

## Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

### Board Meeting Minutes FINAL

12/4/2023



#### Officers:

**President** - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome

**Vice President** - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –

**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 – See below 55% pd renewal

**Testing** – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – No testers for this month to date

**Programs** – Greg Mitchell KB1AWM -See below

**QSL manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB –[Chris Benoit KC4NW will take over in Jan 2024](#)

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – Absent

**Fund Raising** – Jim Self, KW4PW – Raffle: May change from radio's every month due to the new donations.

**Properties** – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – See below

Call to order: 1840

Location: Stones Throw Brewing 101 Button Hall Ave, Goose Creek, SC 29445

#### Upcoming Events

##### Holiday Potluck meetup: 9 Dec 2023:

- Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm EST
- Location: Givhans Ferry State Park, 746 County Rd S-18-30, Ridgeville, SC 29472
- As of today, 5 members have signed up with 7 guests. Another email will be sent as a reminder.

##### Winter Field Day: 27 @ 1900-28 Jan 2023 @ 1859:

- 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.
- Consider establishing a Field Day Committee. John Satterfield KK4JS

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

Summer Field Day 22-23 June 2024 Need a POC. Club needs to find a location by the Feb 2024 meeting. [Field day committee chair will be POC](#)

### **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 KJ4TAC. Also, to ask Mike who is the second signatory that might have the second key. Board voted to discontinue the use of the safe deposit box when able per contract. Documents to be maintained by the Board electronically. Jim KW4PW suggested using Drop Box.

#### **MHRS Design and Build Committee:**

The Board thanks those that served on this committee. It will officially close on 31 Dec 2023. The final ARRLF report was presented to the Board and approved. Final report sent. CLOSED POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB

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

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

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. POC ~~Jim~~ [KO4MNB](#) [Steve KO4AFL](#)

When established, the ad hoc Maintenance and Deployment Committee will send out a survey for deployment training days.

The second intercom system has arrived and the computers and monitors need to be 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. 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](http://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.

#### **Education and Scholarship Committee:**

##### **St John Catholic School:**

ARRL education curriculum. One lesson per month. Lesson 2 completed: Build crystal radios. TARC Website will have a writeup and pictures of this event. 24 students attended. The following members assisted. Glenn W4NMW, Tim KQ4JVQ, Tom W4ID, Steve K4OPZ, Jim KO4MNB, Tom AJ4UQ and Frank K1FHT. It was a great success!  
Next: Lesson 3: Wave propagation and Electronic Basics

Commented [jw1]: Everything below is from the Design and Build Committee, not the Towing and Maintenance Committee which has yet to have been stood up

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

Discussion to restart of Palmetto Scholars Academy K4PSA continues Steve will also be in contact with PSA teacher. Donna Heisler (engineering teacher) POC Steve Behr K4OPZ

Joint Base Charleston: The JBC airshow is **19-21 Apr 2024**. There is a STEM hanger for this event. Club to consider getting a booth in the hanger. POC Chip WB4ZVR

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. POC Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

#### **Properties:**

Michael Jordan K3ZMD has ~~sent a list of~~ donated items that can be used as door prizes for the club in the future, as items for a tailgate at the Winter Field Day (confirmed), list for sale on the TARC website or set up a table at the meetings with the equipment. A comprehensive list needs to be completed a draft list is available upon request. The list should include information on the item such as its use and what equipment it may work with. POC Jim KW4PW

Discussion on how to change "gifts" to resources. Board discussed having a committee established as this will be ongoing.

#### **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.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Events:**

#### **Education and Scholarship Committee:**

St John Catholic School: Next: **Jan 2024** Lesson 3: Wave propagation and Electronic Basics

#### **TREASURER: South Carolina Federal Credit Union**

Current Balance: \$6825

Social media: Website charges: 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.

**Testing:** Testing is scheduled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month.

**Fundraising:** See properties notes. Additionally, the **raffle** may not be a radio every month due to the new donations. More expensive items may be raffled for more than one month. Information on each item will be provided so club members may determine if the item would be useful to them. This is advancing the education of club members.

**ARRL Membership club kickback** program: Here is the info <https://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits> in reading this the club will need to mail in the members ARRL application or renewal to get the credit for the club.

**Q.** How much commission does the club earn for new and renewing members?

**A.** Each new ARRL member earns the club a \$15.00 commission. New members are defined as never having been a member or a returning member that has not been a member for two years. Each renewal now earns the club a \$5.00 commission. There is no limit to the amount a club can earn in this program.

**Q.** What is the process for the club?

**A.** The club will follow the process for both new and renewal applications

1. Each new or renewing ARRL member should [fill out the membership application for Affiliated Clubs](#).
2. Payment in **FULL** can be made to ARRL by check, credit card, or cash.
3. The club then sends all applications with **FULL** payment along with the Club Commission Reconciliation Form to ARRL for processing.
4. The memberships are processed once received by ARRL, and the club receives the commission.
5. Commission payments can be made by check to the club or Direct Deposit.

**CW training:** Discussion on sites available for CW training. Farnsworth method sets the character speed at around 20 WPM with much slower inter-letter spaced—slowly increase word speed.

**Media:** Relook at Facebook and Meetup opportunities. POC Ron Davis K4TCP

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

- Radio modes
- Radio activities
- Propagation information
- J pole and antennas
- Programming for Extras
- Ladder lines: Jim Self 9 Jan 24

**TARC Website:** Remind members about all the resources available.

**QSL:** Discussion on use of TARC specific call sign in stead of sharing. W4ANK was decided to be the call sign in the future.

Adjourned: 2100

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Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH

