

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes - FINAL

7/1/2024



President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome
Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – Absent
Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW – see Treasurer's Report Absent
Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH – Meeting Minutes Format
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 – Absent
Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – Absent
Education and Scholarship- Jim Wasson KO4MNB- Absent, Stephen Behr K4OPZ –Absent
Field Day- Ron K4TCP, TW KF4CQH- Absent, John Satterfield KK4JS – Absent Steve Anderjack-KO4AFL

Call to order: 1806

Location: Goose Creek Library, 325 Old Moncks Corner Road, Moncks Corner, SC

Summer Field Day Report: Very positive. Report to be provided to membership at the July 2024 meeting. Members worked 6,15,20 and 40 meters.

Upcoming Events: Note: All participation for events must be approved by the Board prior to any members signing up the Club to participate.

First Day Festival on **Sunday, August 11**, 1:00-4:00 PM: Board decided not to participate.

Oct 2024: The Citadel Cyber Awareness Month POC: Jim, KO4MNB – Board decided to move forward and participate in this event. Previously TARC had information inside the building with the radios set up outside.

Jan 2025: Winter Field Day: Planning and committee to be started.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trailer Maintenance and Deployment Committee: POC Steve KO4AFL
Members: Chip WB4ZVR, Ron K4TCP, Steve KO4AFL and Glenn WA4NMW

All meeting minutes from the Trailer Maintenance and Deployment Committee will be an addendum to these minutes after they meet and minutes are sent to the TARC Secretary.

Welding to be done in the near future. Board approved the purchase of a sound deafening curtain. Concerns over humidity in the trailer when not in use. Committee to consider purchasing a dehumidifier. Additional discussion on solar cells.

Currently 4 members of the committee. Board would like to add a 5th member.

Jim Wallace: Silent Key. A thank you note has been sent to Mary. A FT-897D radio, all bands all modes, will be presented to the club for donation via a silent auction at the next club membership meeting (July 2024) starting minimum bid of \$250.

Education and Scholarship Committee: Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Stephen Behr K4OPZ

Palmetto Scholars Academy POC Steve Behr K4OPZ – Board decided to remove this organization due to lack of activity.

St. John Catholic School: POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Stephen Behr K4OPZ

- ARRL education curriculum.
- The Principal Karen Durand attended the ARRL Teachers Institute in June.
- Committee installed power and antennas at the site.
- In addition, the Committee purchased two new HTs with accessories to present to both Karen and Molly Myer, Science teacher, once they are licensed.

SC Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW): POC Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

May 2024: Provided post meeting

The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (SCDEW) has been selected to participate in a scheduled Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact in December 2024.

Tom Glaab AJ4UQ and Jim KO4MNB conducted site surveys on May 8 at all three schools and submitted the Equipment Plan, which was accepted by ARISS. We are waiting on the DEW Communications Director to submit the Live Stream plan next. Students will prepare questions to ask during the ISS contact. The schools that are vying for the ISS contact are as follows:

- Woodland Middle School in Dorchester
- Ronald McNair School in Lake City
- Hillcrest Middle School in Dalzell

TARC team includes Jim KO4MNB, Tom AJ4UQ, Greg KB1AWM, Steve K4OPZ and Steve KO4AFL.

Properties: TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH

Pictures to be taken of all available equipment.

Membership: POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 98 Two new members since the last meeting.
Discussion to consider business cards for the club to provide to interested people.

QSL: POC: Chris KC4NW

No new cards sent or received.

INFO:

- N4EE: Maintain N4EE for Special Events and Field Day. David Merritts AE4ZR is the custodian and uploads into QRZ.
- N4HLH: Use for Hunley Events. Ron K4TCP is the custodian and uploads into QRZ.
- W4ANK: Repeater Call Sign for future for club events.

Media: POC Ron K4TCP: No change.

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

Please note: The ideas listed below need to be confirmed with an ELMER presenting.

- July: Ron K4TCP: How to use CHIRP to program your Baofeng (or other) radio
- Aug: No program
- Sept:
 - Radio activities: satellite
 - Propagation information: solar cycle
 - J pole and antennas
 - Programing for Extras
 - Ladder lines

TREASURER: Jim KW4PW

South Carolina Federal Credit Union

- Total balance: \$6,216.60
- Expenses:
 - Donation to Summer Field Day site: \$150
 - Dinner items for Summer Field Day dinner: \$114
 - Propane for Summer Field Day use: \$34.79
- Earnings:
 - Dues received: 2
- Social media: Website: Dream Host
 - Hosting due **1/20/25**.
 - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/25**
- Raffle: Soldering Set: \$20 profit
- July Raffle: CW book and CD

Repeaters: Status will be reported monthly. POC: Bryce K4LXF

List for info:

- Knightsville: 146.94
- Adams Run: 147.345
- Monks Corner:
- Wallace Road:
- Awendaw:

Lending Library: POC: Jim Self KW4PW A suggestion was made to create a lending library to assist members in advancing their Ham Radion education and licensing. Jim to provide plan at a future meeting. Suggestions included listing available books to load on the TARC website and person borrowing will need to be responsible for pick up and return of the item.

NEW BUSINESS:

Education and Scholarship Committee: Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Stephen Behr K4OPZ

EDUCATION:

St John Catholic School: POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Stephen Behr K4OPZ

See report in old business.

SC Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW): POC Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

- Sparki training will be on **July 16-17** at the Dooley Planetarium in Florence, SC
- A draft power point presentation developed by Jim KO4MNB with input from Stephen K4OPZ for a July 17 meeting in Florence with ARISS, SC DEW and the four schools involved. Input welcome. See email dated 21 Jun 24.

W4DAX SCHOLARSHIP Program: POC: Jim KO4MNB

- Owen Trott, KF5BLK/VA3DFW, will take over as the lead for the 2024-2025 Scholarship Program.
- Update needed on the discussion between Owen and Tom.

1. Take the application to the guidance counselor at each school and/or science teachers. Take the application to the Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron(s) or Cadet Squadron(s) in the area.

2. Try and get the program into the news. I would love the Post and Courier but maybe something smaller is more realistic.

3. Have something presented to the students at the school going forward, I have attached a very basic certificate that we could give. I would like to watermark the TARC logo on it.

Additionally, possible intent is to seek donations to pay for incentives, program will need to obtain approval from the Board, as well as for granting a one-year free TARC Membership for all the applicants.

Board discussed this and not wanting to provide incentives but willing to provide a 1-year free membership to TARC for the scholarship winner.

- Board suggestion for “scholarship” money to be used to purchase radios for STEM programs rather than college tuition for potential students that are not involved in HAM radio or STEM programs.

ARES:

Board members to connect with the ARES net in Dorchester and Berkley Counties.

Board members to connect with the new Roper Hospital in Berkley County to discuss radio accessibility.

Membership Training and Education: POC Ron K4TCP

Discussion on classes on both Technician and General information.

Discussion on members learning how to set up and take down the trailer. Many hands make light work.

TARC Net: The TARC Net is every Tuesday evening at 8 pm. The number of available Net Control has decreased. New volunteers are needed. Training will be provided. The Net takes about 30 minutes with HAMS checking in and then a question for discussion for the evening. Please consider volunteering to learn.

Membership Meetings: POC: Ron K4TCP Discussion on making membership meetings available via Zoom as members may want to attend but unable for a variety of reasons.

General Information:

Testing: Testing is scheduled the 3rd Wed of every month. Steve KO4AFL is looking for an alternative site due to voting machines at the Hanahan Library Conference Room.

June: Two tested and passed. 1 for General and 1 for Technician.

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Renata KQ4ASH