

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes FINAL

12/2/2024



President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome

Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –

Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW – see Treasurer's Report

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 -

QSL manager –Chris Benoit KC4NW-

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF –

Fund Raising –Jim Self, KW4PW –

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –

Education and Scholarship- Jim Wasson KO4MNB, Stephen Behr K4OPZ

Field Day- Ron K4TCP, TW KF4CQH, John Satterfield KK4JS, Steve KO4AFL

Call to order: 1830

Adjourn: 1926

Location: 1830 Stones Throw Tavern,

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

“ANNUAL EVENTS”: Mark your calendars!

Winter Field Day: 25-26 January 2025

Hunley Special Event: 15 February 2025

Hunley Museum Ships: 7-8 Jun 2025

Summer Field Day: 28-29 June 2025

EVENTS:

ARISS: 2 Dec 2024

ARISS Contact, 2 Dec 24: ARISS contact was made for students at Woodland Middle School Dorchester, 4128 US 78, Dorchester, SC. The backup frequency was needed but almost all students were able to ask their questions before the contact was lost. A proposed article for QRZ may be written. Photos to be sent and a lessons' learned session will be scheduled. POC: Tom Glaab AJ4UQ Congratulations to all involved!

Winter Field Day: 25-26 Jan 2025

The location will be at St John's Church, 3673 Maybank Hwy, John's Island, SC. There is plenty of room for parking and inside facilities. A dinner potluck will be planned. It was a great success during Summer Field Day.

Hunley Special Event: 15 February 2025

NPS will not begin to process our application for our Special Use Permit and lock in the requested date until after we pay their online invoice for \$50.00. It takes 4-6 weeks to process the application, per the NPS. There will be no RV's.

Citadel Events: 8 Feb 25 POC: Steve K4OPZ

Dr. Jennifer Albert, Director of the STEM Center invited TARC to set up and operate for the "Storm the Citadel" event on 8 February 2025. Details are pending.

Old Business:

Trailer Maintenance and Deployment Committee: POC Steve KO4AFL

Members: Chip WB4ZVR, Jim KW4PW, Mike KJ4TAC, Ron K4TCP and Glenn WA4NMW

- Club, educational and promotional use.
- Request for trailer use to be submitted to the committee 60-90 days in advance.
- Work left to be done:
 - Mount propane tanks after continued floor repair (weld frame "C" channel support)
 - TW suggested we mount the two tanks on the tongue and buy a cover for them. Steve advised against having that much weight on the tongue.
 - Some rust spots noted on the trailer frame and needs to be removed
 - Small dehumidifier for the trailer: The membership approved \$350 for a dehumidifier. Consider providing Glenn a stipend to use his outdoor outlet.
 - GPS repeater \$80 approved: Need to mount antenna on the roof upright.
 - Solar panels and charge controller have been mounted. Need to run conduit through the roof and into the trailer electrical system.
 - Soundproof curtain obtained and needs to be installed.

Education and Scholarship Committee: Jim KO4MNB and Stephen K4OPZ

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

- The HF/VHF/UHF radios are fully operational. Great work by the TARC team!
- Principal Karen Durand, KQ4TVY asked TARC to teach electronics starting in **January 2025**. TARC team proposed a flashing LED multi-vibrator circuit kit for the students to build. Additionally, Durand requests TARC team to teach soldering to the 7th and 8th graders so their kit will include printed circuit boards. **DATE: 9 Jan 25 at 9 AM**. The 5th and 6th graders would not be soldering, but use push pin press boards. **DATE: 8 Jan 25 at 9 AM**.
- Board approved and check written for \$ 509.12 to cover approved costs for educational materials to support this program.

Scholarship Program: POC: Owen Trott, KF5BLK

Owen will present a proposal regarding an overhauled TARC Scholarship Program to the Board at the **6 January 2025** meeting. The membership indicated they supported the education programs at the schools at this time

WINLINK: Discussed. Suggestion made to do an in-service on WINLINK. Steve K4OPZ

Membership: POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 111

Discussion on having the meetings on ZOOM for those that cannot attend in person.

QSL: POC: Chris KC4NW No update.

Program ideas: POC: Greg KB1AWN

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.

- **Dec:** Holiday Party
- **Jan:** DX Mission Report, Van N4VGE
- **Feb:** Possibly Designing antennas
- **March:** Wire and copper building
- **April/May:** J pole and antennas but not at the meeting. A different location would be needed. Ladder lines: Build them (consider \$20 donation for materials)
- Radio activities: satellite
- Propagation information: solar cycle
- Programming for Extras
- Slim Jim Building: POC Ron K4TCP
- Computer Aided Training (CAT) via YouTube
- Rich Lorenzo (K4ZRL) made of our ARISS contact which is more technical and focused

Discussion concerning timing of the programs during the meeting.

- Consider the program first: issue with people working getting there
- Set up before the program to be able to start the program promptly
- Meeting should be concluded within 45 minutes to allow time for the program

TREASURER: Jim KW4PW

South Carolina Federal Credit Union

- Total balance: \$7785.50
- Expenses: Approximately \$2,500/year
- Expenses:
 - Insurance \$350
 - Educational support \$509.12
 - Soldering sets \$25.57
 - TARC Banner
- Earnings:
 - Dues received: To date \$1500 plus \$165
- Social media: **Website:** Dream Host
 - Hosting due **1/20/25**.
 - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/25**
- Raffle: \$25 gross in Nov 24. Another radio box will be purchased for the next raffle.

NEW BUSINESS:

TREASURER: Jim KW4PW

Discuss plan for future use of club finances.

Club Christmas Party: POC Renata KQ4ASH

The Party will be on **Monday, Dec 16th at 6:30 pm or arrive at 6 pm** which is the normal Club meeting day.

Location: Bahama Breeze, 7811 Rivers Ave., North Charleston. It is near one of the entrances to the Northwoods Mall.

Survey Monkey indicated more than 35. There will be Chinese gifts (max \$20) to exchange up to 3 times. Bring others to share in the fun!

Dorchester EOC: There was a discussion about meeting with the Dorchester Amateur Radio Team (DART) regarding a location to install our 270 repeater in Summerville to augment the 610 repeater that Steve KO4AFL has running on his property. Jim KW4PW took the action to contact DART President, Beverly Boyd, to schedule a meeting date. Plan: Technician Class potentially 14 Jan 25 from 6-8 or 7-9 pm 3 times/week.

US Coast Guard: The Coast Guard has expressed an interest in working with HAM radio operators. More details pending. Questions regarding this.

TARC Meeting Location: Discussion concerning a new meeting location due to increased membership in attendance. St. John's School has offered their site. TARC members to look at the site.

General Information:

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

- See list on TARC website

Lending Library: TARC members are encouraged to bring books to the monthly meetings. Board requests that Owen provide list of books available on the website. POC Owen KF5BLK

Testing: Testing is scheduled at 6:30pm the 3rd Wed of every month. Preregister for the exam session at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg>

- 1 signed up to date

Club Call Sign 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. Rick N8BKN is custodian.

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Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH
Secretary