

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

9/2/2025



Call to order: 1811

Adjourn: 1950 Jim motioned to adjourn, Steve 2nd

Location: Hanahan Library

Members Present:

President - Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Vice President - David Merritts, AE4ZR

Treasurer/Fund Raising - Steve Anderjack, K04AFL

Secretary - Brent Tatum, K04KCR

Outgoing Secretary - Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH

Board Member at Large - Jim Wasson, K04MNB

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP

Testing – Steve Anderjack, K04AFL

Programs – Reid Robinson, KR4CPL

QSL manager – Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Fund Raising – Jim Self, KW4PW

Education and Scholarship- Jim Wasson KO4MNB, Stephen Behr K4OPZ

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

POTA- David Merritts AE4ZR

Chip Mack - WB4ZVR

Members Absent:

Properties –TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF

TREASURER:

Steve has not talked with the outgoing Treasurer yet. Last balance he saw recently was \$6400

Membership:

Current membership: 141 members.

Testing: Two signed up for 17th this month.

Programs: Reid will be sending out an email, asking about topics. Please contact Reid to discuss your interest in presenting a program or suggestion for programming.

Sept - Repeaters by Glenn

Oct - ?

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

- Radio activities: satellite
- Programing for Extras

- Computer Aided Transceiver (CAT) via YouTube
- DIY Headset adaptors: electronics.halibut.com; <https://ohis.org/> POC: Steve KO4AFL
- QSL cards: POC Van N4VGE
- How to run a teletype radio
- Set up for digital modes: FT8, Olivia, PSK 31, JS 8
- Different types of antennas
- How to tune an antenna

QSL: Per Chris no cards received past month

Repeaters: member not present

Fundraising: nothing new

Properties: Refer to new business for discussion of the person assigned to properties.

Education Committee: Glenn and Jim did 3-5 grade at Fort Dorchester for summer camp. They did bread board kits that Glenn purchased. Was agreed to no need to cover again next meeting.

Jim talking to St. Johns Catholic principal for details on when to start. Will be teaching 8th graders solder flashing light and siren. Looking into non soldering projects for 5th-7th graders.

Field Day: Ron is working on a checklist for field days such as trailer set up and tear down steps. This would be left inside trailer so anyone doing would have a reference.

POTA:

- Chris congratulated David on his efforts for POTA. Next event is Oct 11, location not picked. Said Givhans tends to be far for people in West Ashley. They have had success with Charlestown Landing before. Chris would like to see as an opportunity to have people try out new gear with help from veterans, become comfortable with using, besides solely focusing on amount of contacts.
- David reminds members, when using the club call sign during POTA contacts, please let him know. N4EE@tridenthams.org

Old Business:

- Only update this meeting is to start thinking about what members would accomplish each task below. Joint Base Charleston Air Show: April 2026; POC Chip WB4ZVR
Chip has been in touch with his Air Show contact. They will connect with Chip in Nov 25 to provide additional information.
 - Discussed using WINLINK, Morse Code station, FT8 demo
 - Discussed accessing and utilizing a TV designed for outside
 - First day of Air Show is Stem Day with area school students
 - Chip has discussed with the AF team the specifics needed for electrical support.
- Christmas Party: The December meeting will be the Club Christmas Party rather than a general meeting. Bahama Breeze was mentioned as a possible location, the

limiting factor is 50-person capacity for the same room. Pages Okra Grill was looked into but had a limited menu with 3 selections.

- Technician class at EOC, no future dates set. Need to go back through the flow of class. A lot for one or two people to commit to.

New Business:

- Contact info for Steve Behr and Mike Edwards were given to Brent to contact. The Secretary has draft of 2023 constitution but not signed copy.
- Chris wants to engage more members into club activities, same members at each event. One idea is to use white board at next club meeting. Could then narrow down ideas and sending out as survey or Google Form to all members since approx. only 40 show up to in person meetings.
- TW, the current property manager has been out for a while. The club needs to find a replacement and does not need to be board member. Terrence Hamilton has been coming to meetings, lives in Smville, Ron thinks he would be a good fit. Chris is going to contact and see if interested. Discussion held on what to do with what TW is storing for club, some of it needs to be climate controlled. Glenn stressed importance to not get into fixed monthly storage cost. Glenn contacting TW to see when can get inventory of everything he has.
- Three members needed for the Treasurer and Secretary audit. Mike Edwards, Peggy Reese, and Jane Kauser were presented as candidates.
- New president, vice president, and treasurer need to be on file with bank to be signers on acct. Indv debit cards are issued to them as well.
- Chip does not like how nominations of elections took place. Rumored ballots were thrown away, no way to do a recount. Also did not like the nominating committee also had person running, Jim. Has spoken to another 501c3 and they use electronic ballots. Glenn said different ways have been used in years past such as raising hand, if no one contested everyone agreeing, or if paper votes were casted they were not kept. Glenn is positive only people that voted were members, knows visitors did not get ballots. David Merritts said the number of votes for each person has never been kept or passed along, just who won the election for respective positions. As way to make voting easier, in July meeting whos running for each position is finalized. People get ballots in meeting and can mail them in. No one else agreed with mail in procedure. Ron printed roster of current members so ballots could be handed out as members were checked off. Regina doesn't want to make process overly complicated, we're a small club and nothing was done in ill will. Jim KO4MNB did not nominate himself but was nominated by Mike K3ZMD. After being asked to join the nominating committee, Jim turned over the slate of nominees to the Board upon Chip nominating himself. Jim also notified the President that someone other than himself would need to collect and tally the ballots, which was accomplished.
- David said we have 2 members at large per by laws, that was when club was 30 people. Asked for consideration due to size of club being over 100 to have 3 at large members, gave an example of one member at large for every 50.
- The board decided, based on previous experiences, to no longer offer or pursue scholarships.

General Information:

- 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 club events. Rick N8BKN is custodian.
- Lending Library: POC Owen KF5BLK.
 - The Lending Library is live on the website. Here is the link - > <https://www.tridenthams.org/library/>
 - Check out is from one Membership meeting to the next, or Owen can be reached by email at owen.trott.landman@gmail.com to arrange a meeting to pick up a book, but it would still be due at the following membership meeting.
- Testing: POC: Testing is scheduled at 6:30pm the 3rd Wed of every month at the Hanahan Public Library, 1216 Old Murry Ct., Hanahan, SC 29410. Pre-register for the exam session at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg>

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Brent Tatum K04KCR
Secretary