

# Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## Board Meeting Minutes

12/1/2025



Call to order: 1810

Adjourn: 1904

Location: Hanahan Library

### **Members Present:**

President - Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Vice President - David Merritts, AE4ZR

Treasurer/Fund Raising - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Secretary - Brent Tatum, KO4KCR

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP

Testing – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

QSL manager – Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Field Day- Ron K4TCP, Steve KO4AFL

POTA- David Merritts AE4ZR

By-law Committee - Chip Mack, WB4ZVR

Board Member at Large - Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

### **Members Absent:**

Programs – Reid Robinson, KR4CPL

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

**Treasurer:** \$7101 balance as of today

**Membership:** Current membership: 144 members. Ron highlights names Oct-Dec in member meetings advising them they have not renewed

**Testing:** Dec testing not scheduled

**Programs:** None

**QSL:** None

**Education Committee:** Equipment is in that was requested to teach St. Johns students and volunteers to help have been coordinated

**Field Day:** Do we hold auction of equipment for silent keys? Are members allowed to auction their equipment and club keeps 25%? Was decided we don't want to sell while on the church grounds, don't want to jeopardize our relationship with them.

- Steve has started start up/shut down list for trailer
- At Nov 22 trailer meeting numerous maintenance items were taken care of or annotated. Next trailer maintenance/dry run will tentatively be in Dec and then another in Jan with the first few hours to be maintenance and the remaining time set aside for dry runs.
- Decided time slots for radio and logging will be implemented. Will pass around sign up sheet at Jan meeting. Also Google form sign up sheet will be sent out along with End-Fed sign up.

- End-Fed Half-Wave (EFHW) offered as idea for hands on activity to be done in mid day (1pm-4pm), followed by early club fellowship dinner at 5pm to get increased attendance
- Club will provide protein and everyone else brings a side dish or dessert. Idea of rotisserie chicken from Costco. Budget of no more than \$200.
- Suggestion was made by Chip for dry run and trailer maintenance be done on two separate days before field days

**POTA:** Looking at Jan 10th 10am-2pm with Charlestown Landing, to be confirmed with location

### **New Business:**

-35 have RSVP'd for Christmas Party. Ron decided to resend out two more times till Dec 15th event

### **Old Business:**

- Chris wants to establish New Member Committee to greet new members and get plugged into club. Ron sends out email once someone joins, recognizing they are joining anyways, Chris will call them to welcome and get plugged into club.
- Long term plans for club funding. Chris wants to see \$5k kept for unexpected repairs or expenses and \$2200 kept for annual expenses. Round up to \$7500 to have on hand to use for savings and expenses.
- Updated list of Elmers. Ron is working on, giving till next month board meeting to finalize. Glenn asked to be on it for interference.
- Donation from Summerville Presbyterian Church of HAM equipment. Chris is holding on to equipment for now. Do we keep and put to use or sell? Chris asked board members to look at the pictures to give their thoughts.
- Glenn - having issues with +20 interference with equipment at St. Johns Catholic School, hypothesis is fluorescent lighting. Chip made recommendation for TARC to consult with them, but not get financially involved.
- David made motion to approve \$400 for funding St. Johns Catholic school for education program starting in January. Jamco kits will be used, which include red board that has siren or blinking red light. Glenn second motion. All approved.
- Chip starting by-law committee
- No update on when TW is coming back and can start changeover with new property manager. Chris decided to have Winter Field Day as changeover time when all the equipment will be there.

### **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.
- Testing: POC: Testing is scheduled at 6:30pm the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>