

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

1/5/2026



Call to order: 1803

Adjourn: 1940

Location: Hanahan Library

Members Present:

President - Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Vice President - David Merritts, AE4ZR

Secretary - Brent Tatum, KO4KCR

QSL manager – Chris Benoit, KC4NW

POTA- David Merritts AE4ZR

By-law Committee - Chip Mack, WB4ZVR

Board Member at Large - Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Members Absent:

Programs – Reid Robinson, KR4CPL

Treasurer/Fund Raising - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Field Day- Ron K4TCP, Steve KO4AFL

Testing – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP

Treasurer: \$7017 after payment of P.O. Box

Membership: Current membership: 146 members, as of today 46% have paid dues

Testing:

Programs: Reid sent in spread sheet of topic ideas he has

QSL: None to report

Education Committee: Jan 8th and 9th classes take place with St. Johns

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.

- Next trailer maint./dry run Jan 17th. Inventory of extra trailer on that day as well.
- 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
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POTA: Next event Jan 10th 10am-2pm @ Charlestown Landing

New Business:

- Chris gave the idea of having club activity on a monthly basis. Antenna build, antenna displays with FAQs, a fox hunt, a satellite demonstration with FAQs, digital comms demonstration with FAQs, and some kind of VHF/UHF activity (not sure what that would look like). The idea is to engage more people in club activities, to show the techs what they can do or look forward to upgrading to, and to expose people to the other aspects of ham radio operations. Brent gave a suggestion of having on same qtrly day as POTA as another way to bring people out.
- Chris would like Ideas for club meeting programs and getting elmers or the person presenting the topic scheduled months out.
- Chris brought up updating the club bylaws. As it's been pointed out a few times that there are a few things that need to be removed and a few things added. Chip said himself, Chris, Glenn, Steve, Ron, Brent, and David Merritts will be on the committee.
- Chris wants Terrance to do an inventory of club property and take over as property manager at field day. There is a serialized list of major equipment, unk who has access to it, assumed Ron and Steve. Recommendation was made to get pictures of all equipment.
- Brent showed a print out of an email sent to club email from ARRL in reference to book being published called Digital Networking for Ham Radio. Club can pay \$50 to have the club name, club callsign, and address listed in a directory in the book. Members of the club can receive a 50% discount off book if we are in directory. Deadline to submit payment and information to go in book is Jan 9th by 12pm. Discussion took place, and we decided not to list our club. Don't see the benefit of it, see it being a fundraising opportunity for AARL.
- Chip gave Air Show dates May 1-3
- Chris would like to see fundraising outside of monthly raffle at meetings. Gave idea of specific runs of club swag.
- Jim is going to contact Fort Sumter and Moultrie National Park about Hunley event in Feb, looking at Feb 7 or 21
- Chris asked if the board wants to do award committee, noticed two awards in by-laws, Amateur of the year and Johnny on the spot.

Old Business:

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

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 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