

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

3/2/2026



Call to order: 1813

Adjourn: 1916

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

Programs – Reid Robinson, KR4CPL

Treasurer/Fund Raising - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Field Day- Steve Anderjack KO4AFL

Testing – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Members Absent:

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Board Member at Large - Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

Field Day - Ron Davis, K4TCP

Treasurer: \$7500 in both accts

Membership: 98. Approx. 40 people have not renewed.

Testing: Dorchester county EOC Feb course: Out of the 54 individuals who initially expressed interest, 35 committed to the course, with a consistent attendance of approximately 22 participants.

Tested a total of 24 people, including a few walk-ins, and 19 candidates successfully passed their exams. The results are as follows:

- 1 walk-in earned an Extra license.
- 3 candidates passed both the Technician and General exams.
- 15 candidates passed the Technician exam.

Programs: Greg Mitchell doing CW for March meeting. Tommy Billings or Glenn Stephens will do Fox Hunt in April meeting.

QSL: One card for Hunley event

Education Committee: last class at St. Johns Catholic on March 3rd at 12:45 to 2:45pm

POTA: Next event April 11th @ Charlestown Landing, 10am-2pm

Air Show May 1-3: Air Base meeting tomorrow to go over what will be allowed at Air Show, will be possible smaller operation due to current Iran conflict. Air Base has requested two small generators for exhibitors to share. We'll be allowed to do HF 100 watts.

Summer Field Day June 27-28: Would Ron like co-chair/co-planner. Activity or build to have along with it? Tape measure yagi presented as idea. Last done summer 2022.

New Business:

- Hunley AAR and metrics to help call a go or no go on event. Also back up plans in event trailer cannot be used. During event, 3 stations were up. Unk attendance. Was proposed to have sign in sheet for any event going forward so we know. POTA has been unk attendance as well. RSVP for any event going forward as well by way of Google Form.
- Discuss how we treat new members. Someone signed us up with the ARRL to do a story and we've been asked to write up a statement of what we do for new members and were asked to have a new member write up something about their experience. Peter was recommended as possible new member. Brent submitted to Chris rough draft for club part of the article.
- Discuss/plan out a fox hunt. Who has foxes, who is a good one to present a club program before the hunt? Steve has directional antennas club can use. CARS, ARES, AARG will be invited. Would Glenn like to head it up? Chris going to talk Glenn about and see his availability.
- Museum Ships weekend, June 6th. Was presented to use Little David in Moncks Corner. \$300 to rent pavilion there and \$3 per person entering.

Old Business:

- Budget/minimum bank account balance we should maintain. Glenn made a proposal to target one years expenses, setting that aside in savings acct. Not specifying dollar amount so it can fluctuate as we grow or shrink and specify target so we can use that money if need be. Currently that is \$2500. Jim second motion, all board members were in favor. Transfer was put into club savings acct.
- Dorchester EOC Tech class - Ron main instructor for upcoming class.
- Charleston Library, main branch downtown. Tech class requested to Ron for our club to host. Looking at April timeframe. Club would need to site visit in advance to see what AV equipment they have.
- Hunley Event - Last year we mailed check with application. We did three weeks ago, and mail came back in poor condition as undeliverable. Application is now online but Fort Sumter is not an option. Jim going in person tomorrow to see if can still get Feb 21st, Feb 28th as fallback.
- Offering one free year club membership to new hams, Chris brought up as idea. Was decided not to pursue.
- Repeaters in Chas and Dorchester County, only one person overseeing them. Repeaters were installed 30 yrs ago by grant, nothing has been maintained since.
- Fox Hunt - positive reception from board members. Chris has idea give talk about during educational moment after meeting to build interest and educate what it is. Target month in May, educational program after April meeting.

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