

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

4/6/2026



Call to order: 1800

Adjourn: 1934

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

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP

Treasurer/Fund Raising - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Field Day- Steve Anderjack KO4AFL

Testing – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Board Member at Large - Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

Field Day - Ron Davis, K4TCP

Members Absent:

Programs – Reid Robinson, KR4CPL

Treasurer: \$7500 in both accts

Membership: 102

Testing: Two signed up Apr 15th

Programs: Glenn Stephens will go over what a Fox Hunt is in April meeting. Glenn talked about having the Fox Hunt event sometime in May where we would have 3-4 teams each with a Yagi antenna, attenuator and HT radio. Chris would ask for a show at hands at the April membership meeting to determine level of interest.

QSL: None

Education Committee: Events at St. Johns ended for '25-'26 school year. Chip suggested that we ask ARRL if we can keep or purchase the STEM banner to be used at our events. Chip said he would send Ron a jpeg of the banner to Ron and Ron said he would photoshop it on one of the St John Catholic School group photos to send to ARRL with our request.

POTA: Next event April 11th @ Givhans Ferry State Park, 10am-2pm

Air Show May 1-3: We'll be allowed to do HF 100 watts. UPDATE: Effective Apr 6, Air show changed to one day harbor show, not allowing on base.

Museum Ships June 6: no update from David

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.

Confirm location? Chris talking to Renata

Sign up lists: Operate, logging, set up, take down, food sign up, kitchen and room clean up

Food: Club buying Costco chicken and food sign up in advance for bringing a dish

Activity or Program: Drew with satellites, Chris going to ask if interested

Old 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.

New Business:

- Need more net control operators. Lets ask members individually to sign up. Get people who are interested in emergency communications.
- Look for guest speaker for emergency communications. ARES, RACES, Dorchester EOC. Ron going to talk to Justin/Dorchester County for May member meeting
- Trailer maintenance: Brakes need adjusted, battery balancer needs replaced, bracing needs reinforced
- Glenn made a motion, David second, for club to buy Costco chicken. Motion approved
- Van Herridge cancelled De-expedition, was postponed in '25
- Config board for headset interface to run two Icom radios for trailer. Steve made motion to approve, Glenn second. Club approved

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