

# Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## Board Meeting Minutes

5/4/2026



Call to order: 1814

Adjourn: 1915

Location: Hanahan Library

### **Members:**

President - Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Vice President - David Merritts, AE4ZR (absent)

Secretary - Brent Tatum, KO4KCR

QSL manager – Chris Benoit, KC4NW

POTA- David Merritts AE4ZR (absent)

By-law Committee - Chip Mack, WB4ZVR (absent)

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP

Treasurer/Fund Raising - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL (absent)

Field Day- Steve Anderjack KO4AFL (absent)

Testing – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL (absent)

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Board Member at Large - Jim Wasson, KO4MNB (absent)

Field Day - Ron Davis, K4TCP

Programs – Reid Robinson, KR4CPL

**Treasurer:** \$7,036.38

**Membership:** 106

**Testing:** May 20th no one scheduled as of yet

**Programs:** May show and tell HAM shacks. June, Dorchester County EMD (Emergency Management Division)

**QSL:** Nothing to report

**Education Committee:** Charleston Library waiting on dates from us if we want to do it and when. Ron going to ask if there are other locations than downtown Chas due to distance

**POTA:** Chris emailed David to ask next event

**Museum Ships June 6:** David has registered Hunley for event

**By-law Committee:** Nothing to report

**Trailer Maintenance:** Brakes need calibrated and battery balancer needs ordered. Bracing needs to be reinforced. Next step is asking Steve weekend he's available.

**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. Backup plan ideas - how to tune antenna, what's a reasonable SWR, go backpack for HAM radio.

Sign up sheet for radios, logging, food, take down, set up will be brought to May meeting.

### **Old 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
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### **New Business:**

- Auto renew brought up by Brent as possible option for members with annual dues. Does Square offer the ability to offer and then members can select when they go to pay next time? Ron going to look into.
- Fox Hunt, have 8 signed up to date. Chris gave Goose Creek for location, specifically Wendys near Lowes on St. James. May 16th 10am. Steve will need to order Baofengs for prizes

### **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>

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Brent Tatum K04KCR  
Secretary