

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

7/6/2026



Call to order: 1800

Adjourn: 1929

Location: Hanahan Library

Members:

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

Programs – Reid Robinson, KR4CPL

Member present - Stephen Behr, K4OPZ

Treasurer: \$6941. \$200 of that going to John Places daughter from equipment sales we took in for them.

Membership: 112

Testing: 1 signed up July 15th. Aug and Sept testing reserved for Hanahan Library also.

Programs: Need new program manager. This month's member meeting will be about Go Boxes. Reid is going to coordinate with Greg Mitchell N4GM, doing session on contesting, looking for Sept. Aug no education session due to elections.

QSL: None to report

Education Committee: Steve Behr taking over duties due to Jim moving/stepping down. Steve getting with Ron to refresh kits for fall.

POTA: Second Sat in July at Charlestowne Landing. David wants to step down and no one has been identified as a replacement yet.

By-law Committee:

Trailer Maintenance: Brakes were calibrated weekend before field day. Battery balancer needs installed, Glenn said he'd handle. Bracing needs to be reinforced. Rubber grommets needed for wiring under trailer where it passes through trailer.

Summer Field Day June 27-28: Following are from the after action report during meeting: Yaesu station, date and time was not set on computer program being used for logging. Ted corrected as he was the first on. Both computers need Windows updated, Chip said he would do that since trailer was at his house. Does club want trailer checklist to go through

before field day? Was noticed new members or operators were not familiar how to log or operate radio. Training before field day was mentioned as possible solution.

Old Business:

- QSO Party June 20-21. Not ARRL officially sanctioned event. South Jersey clubs are coordinating it. Club sent out email with info if club members want to participate. Due to one week before Summer Field Day club will not be facilitating.
- Name badges used to be offered to members. First badge provided, replacement at cost. Cost has risen to be cost prohibitive using original vendor. Ron making paper laminated and Chris using acrylic engraving machine he just ordered providing badges at cost.

New Business:

- Jim turned over trailer receipts from \$20k ARRL grant program Steve Anderjack. Jim wrote the ARRL proposal and served as project manager. He is moving to TX.
- Glenn made motion to donate \$250 to church for hosting our summer field day
- Elections are coming up. Chris would like to be president for one more year. Brent agreed to be secretary for one more year. Ron offered to run as VP, David agreed as he's been wanting to transition out of roles. Chip wants to run as member at large. Glenn agreed to run as member at large again. Steve agreed to stay on as treasurer.
- Chris brought up possible new location for field day, not due to scheduling error. Due to distance of Johns Island location and many have mentioned the distance as reason not to go. St. Johns in N Chas, where club does educational programs with school, was talked about as possible location. Site meeting was discussed to see if feasible. Steve Anderjack reaching out to Karen Durand-KQ4TVY, principle of the school to get dates. Club would like to look on a Saturday morning.
- Auto renewal question going out in next club survey. Giving auto renew option to opt in for membership.

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