

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

8/3/2026



Call to order: 1802

Adjourn: 1937

Location: Hanahan Library

Members:

President/QSL manager - Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Vice President - David Merritts, AE4ZR

Secretary - Brent Tatum, KO4KCR

POTA- Open

By-law Committee - Chip Mack, WB4ZVR

Membership/Field Day – Ron Davis, K4TCP

Treasurer/Fund Raising/Field Day/Testing - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL (Absent)

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Board Member at Large - Open

Programs – Open

Treasurer: Treasurer absent

Membership: 114

Testing: Aug 19 next test date, no one signed up as of now. Sept testing reserved for Hanahan Library also.

Programs: Reid Robinson stepped down from his position. Reid attempted to reach Greg Mitchell N4GM, doing a session on contesting, looking for Sept. No luck reaching yet. Aug no education session due to elections.

QSL: Nothing to report

Education Committee: Steve getting with Ron to refresh kits for fall.

POTA: On pause till new person leads POTA

By-law Committee: Nothing to report from Chip

Trailer Maintenance: 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. Liquid rubber RV roof sealant was given as option to seal roof, which is already showing rust.

Chip presented following items to board:

- Trailer roof condition photos
- 10' shore power extension cord donation
- Fabric trailer jack cover procurement
- N server proposal (provides automatic time update to mini-PCs)

Old 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 and his new call sign is WA4DAD.
- 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.

New Business:

- Elections next month. David Merritts will hand out ballots to members as they walk in, will verify current membership on roster. Secretary will hold onto ballots for once month in case vote is challenged
- Weekly VHF/UHF Net needs volunteers. What could be done to make on-air enjoyable to incentivize attendance.
- Fox hunt late Sept, date TBD.
- Ad Hoc committee to help other HAMS. Club has been getting increased traffic with requests for on site help at home with setting up radios, troubleshooting issues, etc.
- Auto renewal question going out in next club survey. Giving auto renew option to opt in for membership.
- Chris getting with Steve Anderjack once he returns from trip. They were in email conversation with Karen Durand, principal of St. Johns, that fell apart when date and time was proposed to look at school as possible field day location.
- POTA decided to go from Qtrly to 1st, 2nd, and 4th qtr of each year. 3rd qtr is summer field day and heat deters participants
- Chris going to talk to reach out to new CARS President, Mike Maheu. New presidents priority is addressing repeaters in tri-county area. Currently one person has info/oversight. What happens to the repeaters when something happens to that one person.
- Chip stated AARL wants their STEM Banner back that TARC borrowed for airshow. Chip proposed buying our own banner. Glenn stressed we have to have high res photos for banner and would need someone to design artwork for banner.

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