Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

8/31/2026

Call to order: 1804
Adjourn: 2004
Location: Hanahan Library

Members:
President/QSL manager - Chris Benoit, KC4NW
Vice President/Membership/Field Day - Ron Davis, K4TCP
Secretary - Brent Tatum, KO4KCR
Treasurer/Fund Raising/Field Day/Testing - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL
Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW (Absent)
Board Member at Large/By-law Committee - Chip Mack, WB4ZVR
Programs – Open
David Merritts, AE4ZR

Treasurer: $7095
Membership: 117
Testing: Sept testing reserved for Hanahan Library
Programs: Vacant seat

QSL: Nothing to report

Education Committee: Nothing to report

POTA: Michael McSween, KD4RZV, took position

By-law Committee: Chip asked if term limits should be introduced, to force club to not be stale with leadership. Steve had issue with lame duck. Board not opposed to idea. Suggestion of no more than 4 consecutive years for President given by Steve.

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 has used Gayco, foresees needing 2 gallons, plus washed before, approximate cost $150. At Aug 30th meeting decided to move forward with project and will do it when weather gets cooler Oct/Nov timeframe.

Old 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.

New Business:

- Signal & Legacy Services email, contacted club offering services that help people value their HAM radio equipment. They charge 30% of value of equipment for services. They offered to give club a free info session. Was decided due to charging for services club would not get involved, didn't sound to be a benefit for members.
- Continuing STEM banner conversation that Chip addressed last board meeting. Does club have use for it outside of airshow every other year? Decided to hold off for now, if we need one later make it TARC focused.
- Do we need property manager? Terrence was identified as replacement, but does the club really need one? Outside of cabling, trailer to include computers and radios in trailer are the high value items needed. Ron was chosen as person to take pics of items in trailer next time trailer is used. Those files will be kept with club secretary.
- Christmas Party. When and where. Bahama Breeze is becoming Chewys Tex Mex. Should be reopened as such by mid November. Renata confirming with management there. Dec 7th chosen as date.
- Do for sale listings on our website drop off after period of time? Have listings on website several years old. Ron proposed after 90 days of listing being active, posting will be taken down. Members can re-activate as many times as needed.
- Do we want a contact roster tree and what info should be given? Was asked at last member meeting if that can be available to members. Was decided if member requests another members info, will be given out on as needed basis if both parties agree. Due to privacy concerns mass lists will not be given out.
- Feasibility for new location for field days discussed. Ron created heat map of members for TARC, showing Goose Creek/North Chas would be ideal central location. David presented The Village of Summerville as location, have large field and we have used their facility before. David said he'd get more information to present next meeting.

- Greg Mitchell, now NG4M, will be giving a presentation at our September meeting on contesting. If members want to learn more about contesting or try their hand at it, Greg and the Low Country Contesting Club will be happy to help.
- Red Cross, Renata contacted new POC about renewing badge to get in for club meetings. New POC says they need to check with landlord to see if meetings for outside organizations can be held there. Board is taking this as need to find alternate monthly meeting location. Community Center in N Chas, Dorchester County Library on Dorchester, and St. Johns school we assist with were discussed as potential locations.
- CARS wants to do HAM Fest. Steve said if TARC is involved Memorandum of Understanding would need to be done. Rons concern is this was done in years past and it turned out to be a bit of financial issue. Chris getting with CARS president to see what they are thinking, may just be swap meet.
- New POTA Coordinator identified by Chris, Michael McSween.
- Chip donating NTP server to club to use in TARC trailer so it's not an issue on whether to buy.

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