Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

10/5/2026

Call to order: 1805
Adjourn: 1940
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
Board Member at Large/By-law Committee - Chip Mack, WB4ZVR
Member - Steve Behr, K4OPZ

Treasurer: $7712.86
Membership: 112 (50% have renewed)
Testing: this month not taking place due to early voting
QSL: None to report

Education Committee: School club roundup Oct 19-23. Participating Oct 22 during school lunch, Glenn helping Steve

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. Tentative date set of roof wash Oct 16th and seal roof Oct 17th with alternate Oct 23rd and Oct 24th.

Winter Field Day 2027: St. Johns Episcopal on Johns Island seems to be best location. Chris asking Renata to reserve for club. Glenn made motion on Oct 5th, Brent 2nd, to pay church $250. Person in overall charge and support personnel for prep, set up, recovery. Build or education program. Trailer prep and account for equipment needing done before field day. Possible activity could be meshtastic kit build. To increase awareness of people not coming, board member will stand up and talk about field day during member meeting as elevator pitch

Old 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.

New Business:

- Fox Hunt in early November. Chris suggested Nov 14th, board agreed. For Fox use 1 watt on a mobile antenna. Mid morning in Goose Creek
- Registered Agent Annual fee for having a physical address for the state to serve us papers if ever needed, $49/yr. Reimbursement of 2-3 years of fees to Steve Behr

who has been paying for the past several years. Steve is going to verify how many years he has paid. In the process of placing renewal under the treasurer.
- Upcoming board meetings: November's meeting at Stones Throw on the 2nd. December's meeting at Hanahan Library on the 14th.
- DxQSO email. We received an email from Steve Berry, N1EZ, about a software that clubs could use to track competition amongst members. Was decided to not pursue.
- Christmas party. December 7, Chuy's. Will do gift exchange. Do we want to recognize anyone in the club for outstanding service to the club? David Merrits, Ham of the year, work with POTA. Johnny on the spot, Terrance
- Future program ideas: overview of meshtastic kit-Mike McSweeney given as option to do program and do in Oct, home generators by Glenn in Nov, DX Engineering
- Lovella - Steve Anderjack heading up. Need 16 people (12 vehicles and 4 rest stops) total, have 8 (2 rest stops and 6 vehicles) spots filled.

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