Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

11/2/2026

Call to order: 1812
Adjourn: 1919
Location: Stones Throw in Hanahan

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

Treasurer: $8,032
Membership: 118 (56% have paid)
Testing: this month not taking place due to early voting
QSL: None to report

Education Committee: Nothing to report

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. Roof has been washed, 1st coat applied, 2nd coat in progress.

Christmas Party:

- December 7, Chuy's. If cannot be confirmed before Nov member meeting, will use backup location
- 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
- Summerville Baptist - Lincolnville Fellowship has been reserved as backup

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.
- Need a person in overall charge and support personnel for prep, set up, recovery.
- To increase awareness of people not coming, board member will stand up and talk about field day during member meeting as elevator pitch
- Schedule a trailer checkout prior to Field Day to test radios and computers, and potentially hold a training session on trailer and generator setup.

- Bob Besley may offer a 3-hour class on Meshtastic, start at 12pm. Given the early start, we should consider setting up antennas earlier so members can attend.
- Jason Bennett is planning a Meshtastic build around 3:30PM to 4:30 PM.
- Dinner is planned for 5:00 PM. The club will provide the protein; please bring a side, dessert, drinks, and flatware.
- Need to follow up with Renata regarding church approval and the $250 donation to the church.
- Pulled Pork - location from TBD
- Ron sending out Google Form to bring side dishes before event

Old 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.
- 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.

New Business:

- Fox Hunt - Nov 14th at 10am at Wendys in front of Walmart in Goose Creek. 8 to 9 participants confirmed to date, including few spouses.
- Credit Card - 39 responses received. 52% Yes. 42% No. Remainder maybe
- November member meeting education topic - whole home generator set up

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