

TARC Board Meeting Agenda

01/06/2020



Called to order at 1835 hrs.

President – John Satterfield KK4JS – Welcome.

Vice President – Jan Kauser – KX4MI – Nothing new to report.

Treasurer - Jim Self - KW4PW – Not Present. Report that PO Box payment is due. John, KK4JS, said he would take care of the payment.

Secretary – Mike Edwards - KJ4TAC – Nothing to report

Membership committee report – Ron Davis - K4TCP-No new activity. Approximately 65 paid members. The roster has been updated to reflect this. No new members this period.

Repeater committee report – Bryce - K4LXF- Investigating a new source of interference, possibly coming from the St Matthews repeater.

VE Testing report - David Merritts - AE4ZR-Two new hams from last VE session. A new procedure has been put in place by having all test forms, including test failures, sent to the Area VE.

QSL committee report – Larry Gatton – K4LHG - Nothing new to report. Some issues about the engraving requested for the embossing tool, still working on getting that completed.

Program committee report – Van Herridge – N4VGE / Ken Ezell – Did not attend. No new report. Scheduled programs: Jim, KW4PW, will give his Antenna presentation in January, Dr Tom will be discussing DMR for the February meeting and Glen WA4NMW will be discussing repeaters during the March meeting.

WEB Master committee report – Ron Davis - K4TCP - The “ELMER” link is now on the Web Page. Receiving positive comments and several volunteers. Other volunteers will be appreciated.

Unfinished Business

SCPOTA - Update. South Carolina Parks on the Air - David – AE4ZR - Another successful event at the Ghivans State Park. Conditions were perfect with all operators getting plenty of contacts in a short amount of time. Results are still being tabulated.

Jan - Christmas party in December – Plenty of positive comments. Gilligan’s returned the TARC deposit check due to the large turnout.

Ron, K4TCP, reported the Training Program is progressing. Nothing new to report.

Jan, KX4MI reported that Dan, K0ETE, was the winner of the Turkey Shoot. Congratulations to Dan and all of the others who participated.

The H. L. Hunley event is coming up on Feb 17,2020. Tom, W4DAX, is the point of contact for the event. This event should be completed by 1500 in order to make room for other scheduled events at the site. The trailer will be needed, and Glen is aware of that. Tom informed the Board that he will not

be able to attend this event, so a new POC is needed for local coordination. It was noted that the TARC even must be out of the park by 1500 hrs., and the plan is to be gone by 1400 hrs. This is to keep from interfering with the re-enactment. The Church across the street has agreed to let TARC members to park there for the event.

Van, N4VGE, will be the point of contact for next year's Museum Ships on the Air H. L. Hunley event. Jan, KX4MI volunteered to be point of contact for the CSS Little David event which will work concurrently with the Hunley event. The Special Event Call Sign W4D has been requested again for the Little David site. It was recommended that members be encouraged to attend both sites, visiting one on Saturday and the other on Sunday. Doing so will get the operators several recorded categories of contacts. The trailer will be used at the Little David site. An alternate POC for the Hunley site is needed because of Van's unavailability for the next couple of months,

Property Committee (sect 4), locate club equipment (tuner). There was a discussion about the purchase of a new tuner. It was recommended that the manual tuner be evaluated and see if it works. If it is determined to function correctly, then it could be used to replace the missing tuner. This discussion was tabled and will be continued at the next meeting.

The upcoming January Field, January 25-26, day was discussed. The location will be Biggans Creek in Moncks Corner. It has been requested that the trailer be brought to the park. Mike, KJ4TAC, will contact Glen, WA4NMW, to make the arrangements. Jim, KW4PW, will be bringing a coffee pot and a microwave to be used at the site. No arrangements have been made for additional food. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch.

Van, N4VGE, brought up for discussion that TARC investigate locating a permanent facility for a base station to be used by TARC membership. Van will not be available for discussion for several months. This discussion will be tabled until his return.

New Business

CARS Hamfest is scheduled for Saturday Feb 1, 2020 at the Armory Park Community Center, 5000 Lackawanna Blvd, North Charleston, SC. TARC will be provided a table and Linda volunteered to work the table. Set up will begin on Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 in the afternoon. Additional workers are needed for Saturday to help Linda.

A summer tailgate event was brought up and tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Summer Field day is scheduled for June 26-27. A POC is needed. Ron, K4TCP will assist the POC in getting the event set up. A decision is needed to determine if the field day's primary focus will be on contesting or just operating.

The next operating day will coincide with the H.L. Hunley event on Feb. 17, 2020.

A discussion was opened about TARC using the Logbook of the World database to record the results of our events. This software is free. To be discussed at the next Membership meeting

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