

TARC Board Meeting Agenda

12/2/2019



Called to order at 1830 hrs.

President – John Satterfield KK4JS – Welcome.

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

Treasurer - Jim Self - KW4PW – Bank account balance \$4100.

Secretary – Mike Edwards - KJ4TAC – Mike and John will go to the bank and get a safe deposit box in January.

Membership committee report – Ron Davis - K4TCP No new activity. Approximately 35-40 members have paid their 2020 dues.

Repeater committee report – Bryce - K4LXF No issues noted.

VE Testing report - David Merritts - AE4ZR No report available. Dave could not attend.

QSL committee report – Larry Gatton – K4LHG Nothing new to report. Final design details being worked out for the embossing tool.

Program committee report – Van Herridge – N4VGE / Ken Ezell – KC4ETW Van reported that 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 Most of the upgrades have been made and they are presently on-line. Currently uploading previous presentations as online reference material.

Unfinished Business

SCPOTA - Update. South Carolina Parks on the Air - David – AE4ZR The Edisto State Park event was a success with over 200 contacts made. 5-6 members worked the event, and everyone said David did an outstanding job. Way to go David

Jan - Christmas party in December – Friday 12/6 @ Gilligan's in Moncks Corner – 7:00PM social and 7:30PM start service. The contract was modified to reflect the RSVP's received, reducing the estimate to 30 attendees.

Contact absent hams – Nan KN4MJA volunteered to be the Contact Person. She and John have worked together to generate a list to be contacted.

Ron K4TCP reported the Training Program syllabus is coming along fine and the first class is expected to begin in late January. There was a discussion about advertising the program by contacting schools, organizations and on-line once the dates have been determined. Van said he could print up notices to be placed on the public Bulletin boards at these locations. Rick N8BKN said he would pass the word to the ARES network for distribution through them.

Jan KX4MI – Great TARC Turkey Shoot 1 Nov – 30 Nov 2019. Only one person has submitted their log to Jan for counting.

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. John KK4JS will contact Tom and coordinate making the arrangements for the TARC setup at the site. The trailer will be needed, and Glen is aware of that.

Van N4VGE and Jim KW4PW will be working to contact CARS to discuss activities involving both clubs working together. Some topic suggestions were made; training class material and subject matter, special events/field days, and possibly a joint Hamfest.

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. Jan will attempt to get the Special Event Call Sign W4LD reserved 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.

New Business

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

Mike KJ4TAC passed out contact logging surveys to all members last month. The surveys are still being returned and the results should be announced at the January meeting.

Van N4VGE brought up for discussion that TARC investigate locating a permanent facility for a base station to be used by TARC membership. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Van N4VGE brought up the idea of obtaining a radio or electronic communication truck for use by TARC during events. He described the vehicle to something like the TV remote broadcast vehicles owned by the local television stations. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Ron K4TCP is asking for volunteers to be Net Control Operators. He stated that currently only 4-5 persons are available to run the Tuesday evening net. The only requirement is having a ham license.

The Christmas Party will take the place of the regular membership meeting for December.

Adjourned at 1925