

## TARC Membership Meeting September 16, 2019

Meeting called to order by President John KK4JS with introduction. He gave a brief statement about his upcoming term and goals. He also asked for volunteers for the upcoming Annual Financial Audit. Tom A. WW1TA, Dave AE4ZR, Tom V. W4ID volunteered. Dave will act as an alternate member. John and Ron will contact Peg, who was a previous member of the Audit Committee to see if she would like to do so again this year.

Vice President Jan KX4MI gave a reminder of the upcoming Christmas party to be held at the Gilligan's in Monck Corner on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1930. Seating will begin at 1900 with orders and service to start at 1930. RSVP's should be made to Jan so he can provide the restaurant the number of members and guests planning on attending. Jan also made a reminder about the upcoming SES Little David at the Old Santee State Park on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary Mike KJ4TAC had no report.

Treasurer Jim KM4PW stated he had finished updating the financial records and balancing the checking account with no discrepancies noted. He also said he was preparing the documents needed for the upcoming audit.

Membership report- Ron K4TCP reminded members that dues for the upcoming year need to be paid. He said he had received several payments in person and others via the online service (credit card) at the TARC website, [www.tridenthams.org](http://www.tridenthams.org).

Repeater Committee- Brice said during operations recently, he noticed the announcement made on the repeater system seemed to have a low audio volume. He is investigating this further.

VE Testing- Dave AE4ZR announced that there were a couple pre-registered for the testing session this Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. A guest was asked if he was ready for the exam and he was invited to this session also. He was given directions to the testing site.

QSL Manager – John said there was no activity this past month, but he had a couple of QSL cards that needed verification and would be sent out soon. He also said the Little David QSL cards had been ordered and the certificate rough draft had come in. He also proposed that the club investigate using the club resources to make the certificates which would allow personalization for each certificate instead of purchasing future certificates. No action on this was taken.

Program Committee- Van N4VGE announced that Dan K0ETE will be giving a presentation on APRS. Next month's presentation will be given by Jim Self.

Unfinished Business:

SCPOTA Update- Dave AE4ZR said that they returned to Fort Dorchester Colonial Park last Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, to test out a solar power array and new batteries installed in one of the radios. He said they had over 50 contacts with two being from Germany and Belarus. The radio batteries tested fine, however they were not able to complete the solar array testing as planned. He also announced there would be a 3 day SCPOTA event at the Edisto State Park on November 21, 22, and 23. There are still limited camp sites available and those wishing to stay should contact the park for reservations. Additionally, they are planning an event on DNR property on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The time and location has yet to be determined. An email will be sent out to members when details are finalized.

The trailer inventory will be rescheduled to the next operation day. In addition, steps will be taken to locate club equipment that is not inside the trailer.

#### New Business:

John KK4JS asked for methods to in contacting club members that have not attended meeting or functions for a while to make sure they were okay.

John also stated he would like to see the club start a mentoring program for prospective and new hams. This program would be used to guide them along in becoming experienced ham operators.

Rick Valentine was asked to discuss ARES during Hurricane Dorian. During his presentation, he said that Gov. McMaster praised the ham operators' performance during the storm, even though several EOC's lost power for extended periods of time yet never lost communications.

Ron K4TCP proposed starting up another class for prospective hams like the one done for the Nuclear Power School. He is looking for prospective instructors and said the course materials and presentation are already on hand.

It was determined that the quarterly operating day will be combined with the upcoming SES Little David at the Old Santee Park. It was noted that external power is limited to selected sites. So attendees should plan for using generators or other alternative power supplies for their equipment.

The raffle for a TYT mobile radio was won by Dave AE4ZR.

The meeting adjourned at 2045.