

TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

11/18/2019



Called to order at 1930

President – John KK4JS – Welcome to the members and guests. Explained to members that discussions will be limited to 3-4 minutes. If further discussion is needed, then the item will be tabled and discussed the next meeting under Old Business

Vice President – Jan KX4MI – Was not present and no report made.

Treasurer - Jim KW4PW – Treasurer's report. The club account has a balance of approximately \$4000. This amount does not include several members dues payments made just prior to the meeting.

Secretary – Mike KJ4TAC – The last Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.

Membership committee report – Ron K4TCP said there are 107 members on the roster with only 35% paid to date for 2020. A reminder that payment for the annual dues are now being excepted. The TARC web site can be used to make electronic payments (credit cards) in lieu of checks or cash. Ron stated that unpaid members will be moved to the inactive list pending receipt of payment.

Repeater committee report – Bryce K4LXF reported that there was still some interference coming into the system. He is still investigating possible sources. The Trident hospital repeater appeared to be the source of some of the interference. He wanted to thank Dr Tom, WW1TA, and the other members who actively worked towards identifying the source. Bryce said that Dr. Tom call the hospital and found that the MRI operations coincided with the interference. Shortly after his phone call the interference went away. Thanks again Dr. Tom and those that helped resolve this issue.

VE Testing report - David AE4ZR reported that 3 persons had pre-registered for the upcoming testing session and that he had 5-6 VE's lined up to administer the testing.

QSL committee report – Larry K4LHG reported that all previous QSL, had been replied to. He also said today's mail contained an additional 12 QSL requests. He will take care of them ASAP.

Program committee report – Van N4VGE / Ken KC4ETW – Tonight's program will be given by Gregg on Satellite Contacts. Jim Kw4PW, will be have his discussion on antennas re-scheduled to the January meeting. Dr. Tom WW1TA will be giving the February meeting presentation.

WEB Master committee report – Ron K4TCP said he was in the process of switching over to a new web hosting provider. This switch will modernize the TARC web site. He stated that several of the new changes are visible on the TARC web page along with a lot more information. He invited everyone to visit the web site and look around at the new format.

Unfinished Business

SCPOTA Update – David AE4ZR – Next weekend, 21-23 November, TARC will be operating at the Edisto State Park. Several members will be spending the night. David said depending on participation the event will continue to Sunday 24 November if needed. David also said the he was planning on getting set up Thursday afternoon and after a meet, greet, and eat period (bring your own food), he was going to operate Thursday evening to get the Night Owl contacts. He also wanted to remind the

members that contacts made during this SCPOTA event will also count towards the TARC Turkey Shoot contacts.

Christmas party in December – Friday 12/6 @ Gilligans in Moncks Corner – 7:00PM social time seating and 7:30PM start service. 28 RSVP's were received.

Mike KJ4TAC told the members that TARC will be getting a safety deposit box at the bank so important documents can be safely stored. It will be a 5X10 box and cost is \$76/year.

Mentorship program – 8 Eimers have volunteered for this program. And implementation has been started on the web site.

Contact absent hams – Nan KN4MJA volunteered to take this on. She would appreciate volunteers to help her.

Training Program – Ron K4TCP – They have been 6-7 volunteers for instructors. The review of the training materials is in progress. This program is expecting to be in place just after the new year.

Still looking for volunteers for the Property Committee. And anyone with information of the missing tuner is asked to contact any of the Board members.

Larry discussed the purchase of a seal embosser to be used for QSL cards and Certificates. Cost will be approximately \$75. Van motioned to purchase the embosser along with supplies and the motion was seconded by Jim. A voice vote was held, and the motion carried.

Jan reported to John that only 6 members have currently signed up and are participating in the Turkey Shoot. All members are encouraged to get out and broadcast. Check the TARC web site for the rules.

The CSS Hunley event will be held 17 February 2020 in the morning. Tom W4DAX is the point of contact. Glen was notified of the need for the trailer for this event.

Van is asking for recommendations for operations with CARS. He said it could be a joint operation event or a contesting challenge. Anything to promote ham operations with both clubs participating.

Van will be the POC for the CSS Hunley Museum Ships event next year. Jan will be the POC for the Little David location. TARC will be operating at both locations simultaneously. Members are encouraged to attend both locations over the weekend.

Field Day will be held at Biggans Creek in Moncks Corner on 25-26 January 2020. Glen was advised the trailer was needed for this event.

No December meeting due to the Christmas Party.

New Business

Mike KJ4TAC passed out a survey to the members with the topic of Contact Logging methods used.

John KK4JS won the 50/50 raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 2020.