

TARC Membership Meeting

11/21/2016

Meeting opened at 1900 local time.

President Ron K4TCP was absent.

Present were:

Vice-President Ken W4KBN

Treasurer Dave K4DLE

Acting Secretary Linda KM4WBN

After members introduced themselves, birthdays were acknowledged:

Carl Dinge WD4CXW

Jonathan Lynch KM4AJF

Darrell Moser KB7QVG

Jenny Myers WA4NGV

Mel Seyle W4MEL

Robert Wilhite AJ5E

The receiving of an extra raffle ticket for joining a net was mentioned.

It was acknowledged that we need to keep better track of participants.

Treasurer's report by Dave:

Beginning balance was \$2483.16

There were two debits-

QSL cards \$96.00

VE Wireless data card \$15.00

Total \$111.00

There were three credits-

Membership \$130.00

Donation for generator \$100.00

Donations from HT raffle \$116.00

Total \$346.00

Ending Balance \$3078.16

Two allocations-

Donations for K4PSA \$50.00

Generator purchase \$450.00

This left a balance of \$2578.16- less the \$50.00

Available balance is now \$2528.16

A new Secretary, Linda Wilson KM4WBN, was voted in.

The Secretary's report was a plea for patience as she learns everything she need to know and do!!!

Tom Lufkin W4DAX reminded us that membership dues were due.

Old Business:

The new Champion Generator is on order at Sam's Club.

Reminder for the Christmas Party on December 11 at St James Place in Goose Creek. The menu is now on the website. RSVP with Tom Lufkin on how many people in your party. If you would like to give a menu preference to Tom it may help speed things along for that night, but is not an absolute requirement.

Remember to bring a Naughty Santa gift. Recommended cap of \$20 for wrapped gift. Semi-formal dress as photos will be taken.

HL Hunley SES 2/17/2017 9am-3pm at Breach Inlet. POC David Merritts AE4ZR.

Tom L. said there may be two home-based stations after 3pm.

Frequencies on HF and 2 meter.

Trailer will at location around 7am for setup and ready to run at 9am.

Sign up sheets will be posted in January. Expect it to be very cold that day!!

Winter Field Day and Operating Day combined for January 28-29, 2017 at Hanahan Park.

Empty club positions were discussed.

Brian Freedman W4BFZ will be taking the place of Roy Simpson, who stepped down from the Board.

Education Committee- maybe take away if not needed or combine it with Program/Presentation Committee headed by Joe Chapman KJ4BNC.

Public Relations continues with Steve.

Fund Raising Committee- if needed. TBD.

Sunshine/Phone Committee- It was mentioned that Thelma has been doing this in the past, but may not wish to continue.

Again, the need was questioned as to what was involved. It seems to be popular opinion that just those without email should be called for notifications.

Interference Committee was announced as "Ad Hoc".

Repeaters are being taken care of by Bryce Myers K4LXF.

New Business:

Dave E. told us about PSA AR-ISS. Contact with the International Space Station.

This is just FYI. It will be announced at the last minute to avoid interference.

There is a club at PSA that meets every Friday.

A balloon launch is set for August 17, 2017 for the solar eclipse. There will be video and still cameras on board balloon. Approximately a total of 10 practice launches are planned. Program is by the College of Charleston. They may be looking for volunteers to help with this project.

Tom Lufkin informed the club that 'Sparky', aka Harold Sparks K4GQG, is having some medical difficulties and asked those who know him to drop him an email for support.

Tom also told us about a group that he belongs to call Reforge. This is a maker's group that has all the big boy tools for DIYers!

They are expanding and have offered TARC a room for a ham station if we wish. Their facility is off Leeds Avenue and offers classes for a lot of different interests. Dave asked for a presentation from Reforge at one of our meetings. It was then disclosed that we could hold our February meeting with-in their facility with an up close and personal view of what they have to offer. Memberships start with students, with valid student ID, of \$30 a month or \$330 a year. Regular membership of \$50 a month or \$550 per year. Membership gives full access to facility.

Field trip for February: regular meeting to be held at Reforge facility!

Raffle was won by Larry Gatton KM4RDX.

Meeting adjourned at 2016.

Linda KM4WBN

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Note: presentation by Dave K4DLE on Arduino was attended by 14 members after the meeting.