

TARC Membership Meeting February 18, 2019

Meeting started by President Ron K4TCP at 1929 with introductions. He passed around a Thank You card from Sparky for the Birthday card the club sent him.

Vice President Jan KX4MI mentioned that the Board has discussed purchasing 1-2 new antennas that would be easier and quicker to set up. Bob NG4R said that we need to keep the current antennas that we have because they are really useful for Field Days. He suggested that we take the time and get those antennas organized. Jan and Larry are going to look into new antennas for possible purchase.

Jan mentioned that the 'Little David' is at Santee Canal Park and a SES is in the works for October 5th. David QE4ZR will be contacting POTA about designating this as a state park for activation.

Treasurer Brian W4BFZ was absent, but his report is attached.

Bryce K4LXF Repeaters- the Knightsville hub 441.450 may be having some antenna problems. He reminded that this is a Hub and that it has no courtesy tones.

VE Testing David AE4ZR- there is only one pre-registered for this month's session and that there are 6 VEs coming.

QSL Manager John KN4MBK- will let us know when we need to order more QSL cards. He believes we have enough for now.

Program Committee Van N4VGE- tonight is Dr. Peeples from the Citadel presenting OHMS Law. In March Van will be presenting the Bitx and the Micro Bitx build kits.

Unfinished Business:

SC POTA David AE4ZR- On February 1st, the team was at Colonial Dorchester State Park. They tried a new antenna and made 21 contacts. The next activation will be on March 9th at Charlestowne Landing in West Ashley. Operating stations to include: 20 and 40 meters. A CW QRP station. Also for Technicians- an FM station on 146.52 or 146.58. This also the date of the spring picnic and Operating Day. The only cost would be if you would like to enter the park itself as we will be outside the entry point. Restrooms will be accessible at no cost in the main building. John Kn4MBK and I will be organizing the picnic. David passed around the Diamond Certificate for making 50 unique park activations.

TARC trailer wrap- Van N4VGE. Jim KM4PAV will be replacing rusted screws on the trailer sides. There was a question about whether the wrap could cover the screws on the trailer sides and Van said he would ask to be sure.

K4P-SA Steve K4OPZ was absent. Ron gave his report: There were 5 students that participated in School Club Roundup and they had 83 contacts.

Soldering Class Ron will send out a sign-up email and it will be first come first served with another class if interest is high enough. You will need to bring your soldering guns if you have them. Class will be on soldering PL259 connectors to coax.

New Business:

Refreshments- Mr. Phil Woody will bring refreshments to the March Membership Meeting.

HL Hunley SES- David reported that band conditions were "horrible" with a lot of noise. We used his computer for logging with the Ham Log program. This is a simple logging program, but is not for contesting.

March 9th is the Spring Picnic as discussed previously above. The trailer will be brought out for the generators.

Museum Ships June 1 & 2. David has contacted the New Jersey and registered us as a participant. He would like to go down on Friday night and start setting up as the contest starts at 8pm local time that night. Tom W4DAX will contact the boat yard owner for permission to set up there again.

Tailgate May 18th? Tom will contact the Masonic Lodge in Goose Creek and find out if they have anything planned like last year and what date would be good for them. As soon as the date is set, Ron will be contacting the ARRL of our event. POC after that we be Moi. Stay tuned for more details to come...

Glen Stephens will be storing the TARC trailer on his property in Knightsville. Mast repair was discussed, we will be looking for more information on that.

Possible generator replacement will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Treasurer position was discussed as Brian will be leaving us shortly. A volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

The radio raffle was won by the secretary and she thanks the Trident Amateur Radio Club!

Meeting adjourned at 1028.

Secretary

Linda Wilson

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