

TARC Membership Meeting January 15, 2018

Meeting started at 1930 by President Ron K4TCP.

Tom W4DAX introduced two new members: Marlin Stovall K4TMS and Neil Webber KM4NWH.

President Ron had no report.

Vice-President Ken W4KBN had no report.

Treasurer Dave K4DLE- treasurer's report attached. He reported having problems with our current club bank and would like to look at other banks that are more club friendly and have more branch offices.

Something to discuss at the next board meeting.

Secretary Linda KM4WBN reported birthdays for December and January: Beverly Boyd, Ron Chapman, Ron Davis, Norman Fortier, Max Freedman, Chris Mantooth, Darrel McKeown, Bob McCloud, Robert Meyer, Joel Thompson, and John Thornesberry.

TomW4DAX reported that we have 49 paid members at the present time. He reminded everyone that the membership year runs from September 1 through September 1st the following year. Dues are due on September 1st. Only new member dues are pro-rated.

Bryce K4LXF reported that all of the repeaters are out of date and that he has had a team working to update them for the past two months.

David AE4ZR VE testing reported that there were five taking tests last month and 3 passed. There are two pre-registered for this month's session. The email for volunteers did not go out, but there were enough VEs that volunteered during the meeting for the session on Wednesday.

Brian W4BFZ QSL manager was absent. No report.

Presentation Committee will now be led by Ken Ezell KC4ETW.

Old Business:

K4PSA Steve K4OPZ reported that School Roundup is coming up February 12-16. He reported that one of their radios was having a problem. Dave K4DLE will take a look at it. It may be a simple soldering problem.

HL Hunley SES February 17- the trailer will be brought out to the site in Breech Inlet. Tom will be contacting the church for parking and restrooms. Museum Ships- watch for email. POC Robert Wilhite. SC POTA- On January 13, a crew of five operators set-up at Hampton Plantation. They had 87 contacts. POC for SC POTA is David AE4ZR. They were informed that there is a \$25 permit fee to set up, due several months in advance. Because of the SES HL Hunley on February 17, there will not be a February park event.

Led by Bob NG4R, there were several objections concerning the \$25 fee. David will personally take the application for Charlestown Landing (March 10th) and speak with park rangers about what is considered a fee event held at the parks. Dave will also check with his contacts.

Trailer Maintenance- Generator oil changes and general trailer maintenance. Tom W4DAX suggested someone to oversee the program and Jay Clark W4MGR was volunteered for that. He is now the POC for the new Club Equipment Committee.

New Business:

SC POTA- March at Charlestown Landing (see above) planned for March 10th.

January Dinner meeting will be January 31st at the Cracker Barrel in Summerville at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Ron K4TCP.

Tom W4DAX would like to offer a presentation on building tape measure antennas in April and would like to hold a Fox Hunt in May.

Jenny WA4NGV reminded us about Ham Fest at armory Park on February 3. Opens at 8am. TARC will have a free table there.

Radio raffle was won by Terry N4TLF.

Meeting adjourned at 2030.

Secretary

Linda Wilson

KM4WBN