

TARC February Board Meeting

02/01/2021



President – John KK4JS – Welcome to the members and guests.

Vice President - Jan KX4MI –

Treasurer - Jim KW4PW –

Secretary - Mike KJ4TAC – No Report

Membership – Ron K4TCP – Not Present

Testing – Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TAP –

Programs – Van N4VGE –

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – Not Present

Fund Raising - Peggy W4ZBR -

Reports: The meeting was held at the Hanahan City Boat Landing.

The meeting was called to order at 1815 hrs.

Jim KW4PW – Current account balance will be approximately \$3600 after insurance and other annual bills are paid this month. All payments have been accounted for in this balance. Several dues payments and new membership fees have been received since the last meeting.

Ron K4TCP – The Club now has 70 members. **Unpaid members can still pay by check, money order, and via the secure payment link at the following web page:**

<https://squareup.com/store/trident-amateur-radio-club/>

Steve KO4AFL – REMOTE TESTING

If anyone would like to take their amateur radio exams remotely please use the following link.

<http://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg>

Or if they would like to test with me use the following link: <http://hamstudy.org/sessions/ko4afl>

If my sessions are full, they can email me at ko4afl@gmail.com and I will open an additional spot for them if they mention TARC or CARS. If I do not have a session listed, email mail me because the session may not be publicly available, but I can still send the registration link.

Here are some stats on the VEC used for the remote testing with GLAARG (Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group). First remote exam given 4/5/2020 211 remote sessions given as of 1/19/2021 4073 Examinees and 4059 elements passed 402 VEs have attended at least 1 remote session. The GLAARG VEC has added almost 600 VEs since April 2020.

Remote Exams are free to Military, Veterans, First Responders and Youth.

His standard testing sessions will be the third Wednesday at 6pm and first Saturday at 12pm

Van N4VGE –The February meeting program topic will be POTA (Parks On The Air) Strategies by John KK4JS. The March program will be DMR Basics by Dr. Tom WW1TA.

Bryce K4LXF – Rick N8BKN reported that Charleston County will be completely replacing the Adams Run Communications Tower in the next couple of months. This tower also contains a ham repeater, W4ANK. The Board will be investigating a course of action. Rick did say the County will require any installation of ham equipment to be done by licensed professionals.

Peggy W4ZBR – The digital soldering station will be available for the next raffle.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron K4TCP and Greg KB1AWM – Ron reported to John via telephone that TARC is completely off Go Daddy and on the new service provider using the same web address – www.tridenthams.org. The sight can be accessed but is still under construction to incorporate all the upgrades.

Winter Field Day is over and appeared to be a great success. Lots of operators on both days and several new members attending to look around. An early count indicated that approximately 700 contacts were made during the event. Thanks go out to Glenn for providing a location perfect for setup and Jim KW4PW for making a great tasting pot of chili beans for everyone's enjoyment.

Jan KX4MI – Still looking into programs and methods to increase female and young adult participation in ham radio. Pamphlets have been provided for posting on Trident Tech Bulletin boards.

There will be no Hunley event this year.

Steve KO4AFL announced that the TARC trailer contents will be inventoried during the setup period for the next upcoming TARC event. All are invited to assist with this. The wind and the weather at the Winter Field Day prevented a full inventory.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was seconded and passed to investigate the purchase of a canopy/pop up large enough to cover an outdoor ham station. The canopy must have removable or roll up sides to protect the workstation from the wind and weather.

A motion was made and passed to investigate the purchase of bulk nylon guying line. TARC currently has enough larger diameter (+½ inch). The smaller line is handier to use running antennas up into trees. The line should be between ¼ inch or smaller diameter.

A motion was made and passed for TARC to purchase a plaque for Tom DeLoach, POTA Section Coordinator for our section. Tom has cheerfully assisted many TARC members in getting started in POTA as well as walking them through contact logging issues.

Meeting adjourned at 1850 hrs.