

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

01/16/2023



President – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW - Welcome

Vice President – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – No report

Treasurer – Jim Self, KW4PW – Checking balance is \$4650; bills that have arrived this month: Liability Insurance and USPS post office box.

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – No report

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP – There are 83 paid members, some old name badges are still available.

Testing – Ron Davis K4TCP/Dave Merritts AE4ZR – No sign ups for this week's test session.

Programs – Van Herridge N4VGE/Jim Wallace KO4PGH – Jim is looking for program topics for upcoming meetings. The February program will be antenna analyzers.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – QRZ database is up to date and supply of QSL cards is good.

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – The Colleton County repeater (W4HRS 444.85) has some issues that will require a site visit. The Yorktown repeater (WA4USN 146.79) is operating at reduced power of 10-15 watts. The SCHEART repeater at Awendaw is out of service.

Fund Raising – Jim Self KW4PW – Tonight's drawing is for a dual band Baofeng UV-5R. Tickets are still available for the Icom 7300 drawing that will be held at the April meeting.

Properties – Alicia Kinard, KN4UPG (Chair) absent, Jim KO4PGH (assistant) – No report

Board Member at Large – Timothy Kirkpartick (TW), KF4CQH

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

Call to order: 1904

OLD BUSINESS:

The Red Cross training room will be our meeting location for the 16 January membership meeting. The Red Cross provided a building access keycard to Glenn WA4NMW.

Winter Field Day will be 28 and 29 January. Set-Up will begin on Saturday at 11:00 AM and operation will be Saturday 2 PM until Sunday 2 PM. Take down will begin about 2 PM on Sunday. Location will be 255 E Highland DR, Summerville, SC 29483 (Large field just beyond Glenn Stephens' home). We are accepting donations to fund a porta potty. Expect cold weather during the day and overnight. Simplex 146.52 will be monitored during the day.

H. L. Hunley special event station and POTA at Fort Moultrie. The National Park Service approved the application for operating on Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Ron K4TCP has obtained an insurance certificate for the event. The park gates will open at 9 AM for access to the parking lot and setup location. We will operate two HF stations using the N4HLH call sign from the approved location. A canopy with sides will be available if needed. No stakes or spikes may be used and no antennas will be hung from trees. Operator call signs will be logged for POTA credit. Notice of the special event has been sent to ARRL for publication in QST.

The Technician class will begin 23 January; with six class sessions over a three-week period and exam on the final evening. Currently no one has signed up for the class. Classes will meet at either the Goose Creek or Hanahan libraries dependent on room availability. Class locations will be published on the club website. The ARRL study guide will be the only purchase students need for the class.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP, and John KK4JS on the committee. The constitution and by-laws have been converted to an MS Word document and comments are still incorporated. The by-laws will include directions for the incoming board members to check ARRL and FCC information for possible updates.

The club purchased both an Yaesu FTDX10 and an ICOM 7300 for use at Winter Field Day and future club events. The club sold the donated IC-746 Pro. The club will sell the last FT-897D (with power supply) for \$550 plus shipping.

The club tri-fold pamphlet is in need of revision before a new batch is printed. Bob KJ4UGE and Ellen KJ4UGF will be working on the revised tri-fold, with updated photos. The updated tri-fold must include mention of the award of the ARRL Foundation grant.

TARC 50th anniversary celebration, April 17, 2023. Planned program beyond the drawing a winner for the ICOM IC-7300, includes invitations to original (Tom W4DAX) and early members of the club. Tom W4DAX will give a short presentation about the history of the club and announce the scholarship winner.

On December 21, 2022 the club was notified that we were awarded at ARRL Foundation club grant in the amount of \$20,718 for use in purchasing and outfitting of a Mobile Ham Radio Station (MHRS) as stated in our proposal. A separate checking account has been established solely for the means of administering the ARRL Club Grant. Changes (adds or deletions) in excess of \$1000 from the original proposal will need to be agreed to by the board. The project team manager is Jim KO4MNB and Steve KO4AFL will coordinate trailer construction. Trailer committee: Jim Wasson KO4MNB, John Satterfield KK4JS, Tom Valenzia W4ID, Mike Edwards KJ4TAC, Steve Anderjack KO4AFL.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Jordan K3ZMD, has donated an ICOM 5100 VHF/UHF radio to be installed in the MHRS trailer.

The MHRS team presented information on the selected 7x16 trailer that would include air conditioning/heating, both back door and side entry door. The manufacturer has a 6-week construction time frame.

Van W4VGE asked that a vote be held on the trailer. Jan Kx4MI suggested that members could pass concerns about the grant administration to one of the board members-at-large. Motion by Jan KX4MI: That the elected board officers make final decisions on the trailer design and that club members contact the at-large-board members with concerns, who would bring the issue forward to the MHRS project team for board approval. Motion seconded by Bill W4WWE. The vote: 29 Yea, 6 Nay the motion carried.

W4DAX Scholarship Program was launched with the Instructions and Application Form posted on the website and sent to all the tri-county high school principals and guidance counselors. As stated on the website, applications must be mailed to TARC by February

28. A team of three club members will review the applications during March and send Tom W4DAX recommendations for his selection. Tom W4DAX will present the first \$1000 scholarship award at our April 2023 meeting.

January 21 and 22 is a POTA Support Your Parks weekend.

Jim KO4PGH let the membership know that H.R.9670 would amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the application of certain private land use restrictions to amateur station antennas, and for other purposes.

Adjourned: 2013

Raffle: Mike Edwards KJ4TAC won the Baofeng UV-5R radio

Program: Ham stick Yagi by Glenn WA4NMW