

# Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



## Board Meeting Minutes

03/06/2023

**President** – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – Will miss the April board meeting.

**Vice President** – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –

**Treasurer** – Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance is \$5588.62 after paying insurance bill and post office box fees in February.

**Secretary** – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ –

**Membership** – Ron Davis, K4TCP –

**Testing** – Ron Davis K4TCP/Dave Merritts AE4ZR –

**Programs** – Jim Wallace KO4PGH – March program on operating the Yaesu FTdx10 radio.

**QSL manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB –

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – Using duplexers allows one antenna to serve both 2-meter and 70 cm bands most of the time. This was done on the old Adams Run repeater.

**Fund Raising** – Jim Self KW4PW – The March meeting will be the last chance to buy tickets for the Icom-7300.

**Board Member at Large** – Timothy (TW) Kirkpatrick KF4CQH / Dave Merritts AE4ZR

**Properties** - Vacant

**Grant Project Manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – not attending

Call to order: 1805 in the Hanahan library

### OLD BUSINESS:

Berkeley county ARES will host a technician class over two weekends beginning on 17 March, with testing on the second Saturday of the class. The class will be held in the Berkeley County EOC in Moncks Corner. Steve KO4AFL will arrange for testing of students. We will support this class and will advertise it on the TARC website.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP reviewed item by item each of the proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws. Additional suggestions for adjustments were made during the review. All references to the 'phone committee' will be removed. Reading of the membership application will be used to introduce new members to those attending the club meeting; the second reading and vote will be removed. Lending of club equipment will be struck from the procedures. Adjustments will be made to the QSL manager and QSL committee to clarify the roles. The repeater committee section will be reserved for such time that the club owns and maintains a repeater again.

The club will sell the last FT-897D (with power supply) for \$550 plus shipping. We need help from the membership to sell this item.

The club tri-fold pamphlet revision is in progress. Bob KJ4UGE and Helen KJ4UGF will be working to revised tri-fold, with updated photos. Ellen took photos during Winter Field Day for this effort. When the trailer graphics are applied, Ellen will use those pictures to complete the tri-fold.

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.

The trailer update. Interior walls have been painted; trailer will be taken to 'Mr Sign' for install of graphics. Most of the electrical system components are on hand and ready for installation once the graphics have been installed. Our current insurance covers liability only; no coverage in case of theft or the contents. ARRL insurance only covers fixed, non-mobile assets. David AE4ZR suggested that maybe RV or camper coverage might work.

W4DAX Scholarship Program. Three scholarship applications were received; only one application complied with all requirements. A team of three club members (Jim KO4MNB, Jim KO4PGH and Pam KO4WWN) will review the applications before the March meeting and forward to Tom W4DAX the highest-ranking application. Tom W4DAX will present the first \$1000 scholarship award at our April 2023 meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Summer Field Day (SFD), 24 and 25 June 2023. Jim KO4PGH has agreed to take the lead on organizing SFD. TW KF4CQH will assist Jim. The horse pasture adjacent to Glenn Stephens house will be the field day site.

The elected board members discussed the possibility to change status from IRS 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3). The wording of our state incorporation documents would need to have an attorney's review before taking any action. David AE4ZR moved that TARC not pursue changing from an 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3). Steve KO4AFL seconded the motion, the motion was passed.

Properties needs a new chairperson; the assistant has taken over as Programs chair. As we acquire the trailer and new equipment this will become an important role within the club.

Stem Education Day during week long camp at the end of June (exact date TBD). We will set up operations similar to the event at the Citadel; this time with the new trailer. Several folks will be needed to setup antennas and run radios for the teenagers.

Adjourned: 2025

Raffle:

Program: The March program is operating the Yaesu FTdx10 transceiver.