

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## Membership Meeting Minutes

03/20/2023



**President** – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – Welcome

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

**Treasurer** – Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance is \$5900.

**Secretary** – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – No report

**Board Member at Large** – Timothy (TW) Kirkpatrick KF4CQH

**Board Member at Large** – Dave Merritts AE4ZR - absent

**Membership** – Ron Davis, K4TCP – There were 89 members last month and 2 new members joined this evening.

**Testing** – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack KO4AFL – no testing in March, testing will resume on the third Wednesday of April at the Hanahan library.

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

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

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – Repeaters are operating normally.

**Fund Raising** – Mike KJ4TAC filling in for Jim Self KW4PW - The March meeting will be the last chance to buy tickets for the Icom-7300. Tonight's raffle is an Arrow II VHF/UHF satellite antenna with case.

**Properties** - Vacant

**Grant Project Manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – see MHRS update.

Call to order: 1900 at the Red Cross offices

### OLD BUSINESS:

Berkeley county ARES has held two class sessions with two sessions and testing remaining. Anyone can sign up for the test session, email Steve KO4AFL to reserve a seat.

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 sold the remaining FT-897D (with power supply and case) during the meeting and payment has been received.

The club tri-fold pamphlet revision is in progress. Wording layout is complete. 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. Email Ellen at [HDEITRICK@aol.com](mailto:HDEITRICK@aol.com) with recent pictures that could be used to illustrate club activities.

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.

Mobile Ham Radio Station update: the Interior walls have been painted, exterior graphics have been applied and all interior furnishings were installed. Most of the electrical system components are on hand and ready for installation. Waiting for the inverter/charger, four 200 AH batteries and power pole distribution block to arrive. There is one quote for trailer theft and damage insurance that is being considered.

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 SFD rules have been published by ARRL. We will operate two stations for the event. Setup will be Saturday morning, on the air at 1400 EDT until around noon on Sunday. The location will be the open field just past Glenn Stephens house will be the field day site. Watch for opportunities to sign up; we need folks to set-up, operate/log and take down.

The board members discussed the possibility to change status from IRS 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3). The club will not change to an IRS 501(c)(3) at this point in time. If a grant opportunity arises, a small group can form an IRS 501(c)(3) for the sole purpose of applying for grants.

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 in June. The organizer has mentioned June 21 or 23 for us to setup the MHRS. 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 this event.

Jim KO4MNB and Steve K4OPZ were invited by St. John Catholic School in North Charleston to give a presentation amateur radio and STEM. This would be part of our outreach to underserved communities in the area. The program was well received and the school would like us to bring the MHRS out during May.

Spring operating day in May; location and date to be determined.

Adjourned: 1946

Raffle: The Arrow II satellite antenna was won by Chris KC4NW.

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