

# Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



## Board Meeting Minutes

04/03/2023

**President** – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – Out of town

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

**Treasurer** – Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance \$6132.37

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

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

**Board Member at Large** – Dave Merritts AE4ZR – no report

**Membership** – Ron Davis, K4TCP – Currently have 89 members in good standing. One new member (Emily ) is interested in serving on a committee. A new order of name tags has been placed and will be ready by the next membership meeting.

**Testing** – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack KO4AFL – Testing will resume on the third Wednesday of April at the Hanahan library.

**Programs** – Jim Wallace KO4PGH – April program will be Tom W4DAX and the TARC anniversary. The May program will be about the Voice of America museum in Ohio. Following months are planned to cover antenna types and STEM.

**QSL manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Will be sending a SASE to the ARRL QSO manager.

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – The 147.270 repeater at Dorchester EOC will be down as the tower is being taken down. The 444.850 repeater at Colleton Medical center is reported to be having issues.

**Fund Raising** – Jim Self KW4PW – April drawing for the Icom 7300 radio. There will be one last opportunity before the meeting to purchase tickets.

**Properties** - Vacant

**Grant Project Manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Progress is on schedule and within budget.

Call to order: 1805 at the Hanahan Library

### OLD BUSINESS:

Berkeley county ARES has held two class sessions with two sessions and testing remaining. Two students passed with 100% scores on the exam.

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 three stations for the event this year, with Greg Mitchell KB4AWM offering his trailer and radios for the third station. 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.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP reported that editing of the scanned original document is still in progress to correct formatting issues. Ron requested a second USB memory stick for back up of club files on a quarterly basis, with one USB memory stick going to off-site storage at the safe deposit box.

The club tri-fold pamphlet revision is in progress. Wording layout is complete. Helen took photos during Winter Field Day for this effort. Pictures of the MHRS with graphics were sent to Helen to complete the tri-fold. Email Helen at [HDEITRICK@aol.com](mailto:HDEITRICK@aol.com) with recent pictures that could be used to illustrate club activities.

W4DAX Scholarship Program. Tom Lufkin will present the first W4DAX scholarship check to this year's winner: Olivia Fogel of Ashley Ridge High School. Next year the plan is to award two \$1000 scholarships.

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: Waiting for GigaParts to deliver the four 200 AH batteries and power pole distribution blocks. The batteries will have blue tooth monitors built-in. Two 24-inch monitors will be available and an audio system is being donated to the club from the developer. There is one quote for trailer theft and damage insurance that is being considered. Theft and damage insurance quotes received so far are between \$900 and \$1300, excluding terrorism coverage.

Properties needs a chairperson; the current inventory needs updating to include all the new equipment that is being installed in the MHRS.

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 invite those attendees to visit us during Summer Field Day. 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 on 19 May. Jim and Steve will visit the Charleston County St. Andrew's Library on Tuesday, 4 April and provide them with a similar presentation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Spring operating day is set for 20 May beginning at 9 AM at the Glenn Stephens field. We will set up and test current club antennas with the new radios and MHRS.

Museum ships weekend is 3 & 4 June; David AE4ZR will be POC and contact both the Friends of the Hunley and Cooper River Boatyard to secure and place to operate from for the weekend. Note: this is also a POTA plaque/contest weekend, so normal bands might be very busy.

Lee Hill WA5YZB reached out to the club; he has equipment and radio tower that he is trying to sell for an old Ham and a friend. He can be reached at 843-270-0608 or email: [lkh1106@comcast.net](mailto:lkh1106@comcast.net). TW will be contacting him for the club.

Adjourned: 1926 (Motion to adjourn by Jim KO4MNB, second by Jim KO4PGH; approved.)

Raffle: Drawing for the Icom 7300 radio.

Program: The April program TARC history and award of the W4DAX scholarship.