

# Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## Membership Meeting Minutes

04/17/2023



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

**Vice President** – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – no report

**Treasurer** – Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance is \$6887.15, after a deposit on 19 April of \$885.00.

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

**Board Member at Large** – Timothy (TW) Kirkpatrick KF4CQH – no report

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

**Membership** – Ron Davis, K4TCP – We now have 94 members, with two new members joining during this meeting.

**Testing** – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack KO4AFL – One candidate signed up for testing on Wednesday 19 April.

**Programs** – Jim Wallace KO4PGH – The May program will be on the VOA relay site.

**QSL manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Up to date.

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – Repeater 147.27 is off the air as the tower is being removed by Dorchester County; a possible new site will be near St George.

**Fund Raising** – Jim Self KW4PW – Two drawings tonight, a Baofeng UV-5R and the big Icom IC-7300 HF/6meter radio.

**Properties** - Vacant

**Grant Project Manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – The project is on schedule to have an operational MHRS ready in time for Summer Field Day. We have \$5,166 remaining budget left in the \$20,716 grant.

Call to order: 1900 at the Red Cross offices North Charleston

### 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 bringing his trailer and radios for the third station. Setup will be Saturday morning about 11:00 AM, on the air beginning at 14:00 PM until around noon on Sunday. The location will be the open field just past Glenn Stephens house will be the field day site. Sign up will be on-line for: setup Saturday, operators and loggers (various times each day) and tear down Sunday.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP reported that editing of the scanned original document is still in progress to correct formatting issues.

The club tri-fold pamphlet revision is in progress. 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 presented the first W4DAX scholarship check to this year's winner: Olivia Fogel of Ashley Ridge High School.

This month TARC celebrated its 50th anniversary. Following the program cake was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Mobile Ham Radio Station update: Waiting for GigaParts to deliver the four 200-AH batteries and power pole distribution blocks. Steve KO4AFL is working to procure a quote for trailer theft and damage insurance. Theft and damage insurance quotes received so far are between \$900 and \$1300, excluding terrorism coverage. ARRL will not insure trailers with wheels.

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 us participating on June 21. 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 will return to St. John Catholic School in North Charleston during their 'field day' on 19 May with the MHRS and give ham radio demos to students. The club will take the MHRS on 17 June to the Cynthia Graham Hurd/St Andrews Library for their community day on 17 June.

### **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. Jim KO4MNB is the point of contact.

Museum ships weekend is 3 & 4 June; David AE4ZR will be POC and will contact both the Friends of the Hunley and Cooper River Boatyard to secure and place to operate from for the weekend.

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: [ikh1106@comcast.net](mailto:ikh1106@comcast.net). TW will be contacting him and report back to the board.

Adjourned: 1943

Raffle: The Icom IC-7300 was won by Jim KO4PGH. The Baofeng UV-5R was won by Steve K4OPZ.

Program: Tom Lufkin W4DAX gave a brief history of TARC's founding. Tom presented his first scholarship award to Olivia Fogel of Ashley Ridge High School.