

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Board Meeting Minutes

07/03/2023

President – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –

Vice President – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –

Treasurer – Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance \$5057.84 before sale of battery.

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ –

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

Board Member at Large – Dave Merritts AE4ZR –

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP –

Testing – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack KO4AFL –

Programs – Jim Wallace KO4PGH – Absent. The July program will be on generators presented by Glenn WA4NMW.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – QSL request from Summer Field Day are beginning to arrive. Waiting for the logs to be uploaded to QRZ in order to respond to QSL requests.

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – All hospital located repeaters are operating normally.

Fund Raising – Jim Self KW4PW –

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH – Absent.

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Fund balance remaining is about \$600.

Call to order: 1800

OLD BUSINESS:

Summer Field Day (SFD), 24 and 25 June 2023 recap. A total of 12 operators participated across the 24-hour period making 951 contacts. SSB, CW, and digital modes were utilized. We installed a myriad of antennas for the event, including a Yagi, Hex Beam, Dipole, EFHW and a vertical. Jim KO4PGH and TW KF4CQH were co-chairs for the event.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP mentioned highlights of the revisions: deletion of the phone tree, deletion of loaning of equipment, no longer requiring two readings of a membership application, and combine web page and publicity under the new 'social media' section. Members will be emailed a pdf file for review before voting at the August meeting on the revised document.

Mobile Ham Radio Station update: A used Honda EU2200i generator with installed propane kit has been purchased to replace one of the generators. A second Honda generator and propane kit was purchased for about \$1600. Four propane tanks were already purchased. All excess generators have been sold. Proceeds from the generator sales will cover most of the Honda costs and propane kit for a second Honda generator. The audio system has arrived and was installed for Field Day. An excess 260AH lithium (LiFePO4) battery is for sale \$400; this was a replacement battery from Ecoworthy and is in working condition. New chairs are being purchased for the trailer from operating funds.

STEM Education Day during week long camp in June recap: Glenn, WA4NMW; Steve, KO4AFL; and Jim KO4MNB, hoisted our HF and VHF antennas on the roof of the trailer and connected them up to our IC-7300 and ID-5100 radios. We had about 50 students come

through the trailer in small groups for a tutorial and then a HF demonstration talking with several POTA stations on 20 meters.

The MHRS visited the Cynthia Graham Hurd/St Andrews Library for their community day on 17 June. John KK4JS demonstrated FT-8 digital mode using the IC-7300 connected to an EFHW antenna supported by a tree, David AE4ZR used CW and Tom W4ID SSB on the FTdx10 with a 17-foot vertical whip. Jim KO4MNB used 2-meters to let visitors contact Tom AJ4UQ for short conversations about ham radio. Outside the MHRS, Steve K4OPZ taught guest how to send their names using Morse code.

Glenn was approached by the 'West Ashley Repeater group' (John 'Archie' Durland K4IUG and Joseph Lane K4LTF) who are interested in using the old Adams Run repeater frequency (147.345) and our duplexer from us for a new repeater on at the 335-foot level of the new Charleston County tower at Adams Run. They have completed the memorandum of understanding and working on getting the antenna they need.

Ron K4TCP brought up the possible return of a tailgate at the Masonic lodge in Goose Creek. The tailgate will be in the spring in conjunction with a lodge event.

TARC will present a program at The Cynthia Graham Hurd/St Andrews Library the afternoon of 11 July from 4 PM to 5:30 PM. The presentation will provide an introduction to our technician class schedule, FCC requirements and testing for the license.

Boy Scouts of America JOTA is 21 Oct 2023 the event provides an opportunity to demonstrate ham radio to Sea Scout Ship #1 in Charleston. Jim KO4MNB will be contacting the Sea Scout leadership and waiting for them to secure a location. We will need folks to man the MHRS.

Elections and Nominations are now open. The nominating committee members: Jan KX4MI, Mike KJ4TAC and John KK4JS. Some names have already been placed on the slate and a committee member will be reaching out to confirm nominees who wish to run for office. The slate of candidates will be presented to the membership in July and to the board in August. Elections will be at the August membership meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

MHRS trailer insurance quote from State Farm. Coverage: \$20,000 – trailer and permanent attachments for theft and fire with a \$500 deductible and semi-annual premium of \$155. Jim KW4PW will make a full year payment.

ARRL Club Grant six-month program update was reviewed and approved for submission to ARRL Foundation as a pdf file.

The club received a request from the Dorchester Amateur Radio Team (DART) to demonstrate the MHRS at the Dorchester Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Saturday, July 8, from 9:00-noon.

MHRS deployment to Riverfront Park, North Charleston for National Night Out on 1 August. The club has an invitation from the North Charleston Police Department to participate in this event. Three or four folks are needed for these events. See Jim KO4MNB to sign up for this event.

MHRS future deployments: during September back to School Open House at Trident Tech.

Alternative sites for winter field day and summer field day. In the past the club had gone to state parks for 'field day' events. Jim KW4PW reported that RV site for a two-night weekend is less than the cost of a 'port-a-potty'.

Adjourned: 1905

Raffle:

Program: Portable generators and RFI filtering presented by Glenn Stephens WA4NMW.