

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

07/17/2023



President – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –

Vice President – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – no report

Treasurer – Jim Self, KW4PW – \$4992 after paying insurance, purchasing four new chairs for the trailer and ordering name tags.

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 – There are 96 paid members.

Testing – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack KO4AFL – One person schedule for the testing session on 19 July at the Hanahan Library.

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

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – QSL cards are up-to-date.

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – All hospital located repeaters are operating normally. [Bryce celebrated his 90th birthday last week.]

Fund Raising – Jim Self KW4PW – Tonight's raffle of a Baofeng UV-5R8W brought in \$50.

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH –

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – The MHRS is about 95% complete and we have until December 2023 to spend the remaining grant funds; about \$600. The six-month progress report has been sent to the ARRL Foundation.

Call to order: 1900 at the Red Cross building, North Charleston

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 several antennas for the event, including a Yagi, Hex Beam, Dipole, EFHW and a vertical. A wet/muddy field made for some issues moving trailers and RVs. Ron K4TCP has submitted our claimed score of 3128. Jim KO4PGH and TW KF4CQH were co-chairs for the event.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP reviewed 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. Some formatting issues were discovered during the review. 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 club 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. Some students made VHF radio contacts and asked many good questions.

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.

TARC presented a program at The Cynthia Graham Hurd/St Andrews Library the afternoon of 11 July from 4 PM to 5:30 PM. The presentation gave an introduction to our technician class schedule, FCC requirements and testing for the license. There was no community participation.

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 is in contact with the Sea Scout leadership and waiting for them to secure a location. We will need folks to man the MHRS. John K4ODA asked if we could support his troop with VHF radio contacts, which we will do.

Elections and Nominations are now open. The nominating committee members: Jan KX4MI, Mike KJ4TAC and John KK4JS. Mike KJ4TAC distributed forms to allow members to make nominations. Some names have already been placed on the slate and a committee member will be reaching out to confirm nominees do wish to run for office. The slate will be presented to the board on 7 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 made 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. The DART members liked what we had done and will incorporate some of our ideas in their communications trailer.

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:

The City of Charleston has invited TARC to bring the MHRS to the "First Day Festival", a large back to school event at the Galliard Center on Sunday, Aug 13, 1:00-4:00.
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' rental. Jim will gather additional information for the next board meeting.

Little David event in October. Mike KJ4TAC moved we hold the Little David special event station, W4D, as the fall operating day on 7 October. TW KF4CQH seconded the motion and the motion passed. We will use the Santee Cooper lineman rodeo field, same as last year. Ron K4TCP will contact ARRL to advertise the SES and obtain use of the W4D call.

Adjourned: 2003

Raffle: Glenn WA4NMW won the Baofeng UV-5R8W radio.

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