

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Membership Meeting Minutes

10/16/2023

Officers:

President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH

Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW- Bank Balance approx.\$6000. Dues due; all bills have been paid; Results of financial audit pending

Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH

Board Member at Large - Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP – 105 members

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – 3 registered for Wed, 10/18/23 at 6:30 pm at Hanahan Library, 1216 Old Murray Court, Hanahan SC

Programs –Ron Davis, K4TCP–The October program will introduce the club Elmers/mentors and what they can help with. Nov TBD

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Cards from Little David event arrived.

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – Updated

Fund Raising –Jim Self, KW4PW – Radios: Earn \$34/month

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – \$49.72 remain to be spent by 12/31/23.

Education and Scholarship- Jim Wasson, KO4MNB and Stephen Behr, K4OPZ

Call to order: 1900

Location: Am Red Cross: 8085 Rivers Ave., N Charleston, SC

Silent Key: It's with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Jim Wallace (KO4PGH). Jim became a ham after retirement from the US State Department. Jim was very active in the club and was the club's Program Manager and provided/scheduled resources that presented the educational part of each club meeting. He was very knowledgeable about the operations of several radio platforms and provided a number of presentations himself recently. Jim was very friendly and never turned down an opportunity to help a fellow Ham.

He will be missed by the Ham community.

OLD BUSINESS:

Upcoming Events:

Boy Scouts of America JOTA: Sea Scouts cancelled this event.

Winter Field Day: 27-28 Jan 2023:

Possible location:

- Givhans State Park. They don't allow generators but club could use batteries. A propane heater could be used. Each person would have to pay entry. Baked goods needed.

- Goose Creek City Hall: Self-supporting antenna POC Jim Self KW4PW

Summer Field Day
Date TBD

Trident Tech this event has been cancelled due to lack of interest by TTC.

Properties: MHRS Towing and Maintenance Committee:

Establish criteria/vet for deployment of trailer including STEM and school visits.

Trailer insurance: State Farm issued policy ID cards again but not current policy documents. Also, awaiting refund of 6 months over payment as TARC pd 1 year premium instead of required 6 17

MHRS Design and Build Committee:

The trailer group is still waiting for the second intercom system to arrive, install of computers and monitors. As the trailer is put in service a list of improvements or additions will be requested from those operating from the MHRS.

MHRS Towing and Maintenance Committee:

List of members to date with trucks capable and willing to tow the trailer to various sites include Steve KO4AFL, Jim Self KW4PW, Mike Edwards KJ4TAC and Chip Mack WB4ZVR. They will establish their own support team members.

Education and Scholarship:

St John Catholic School **13 Oct 23** from 11-12 noon. ARRL education curriculum obtained. Possibly one lesson per month. October Lesson 1: History of Amateur Radio. November Lesson Done 2: Build crystal radios. Requests were made for member donations to procure 6-8 crystal radio kits at a cost of \$22/each. Approx. 25 students in 5th-8th grade. POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB & Steve Behr K4OPZ

Constitution and Bylaws:

The Board authorized the formation of the trailer towing and maintenance committee and an education and scholarship committee. The Board will define the charter of these new committees and include them in the next iteration of the Bylaws. **Jan 2024**

NEW BUSINESS:

MHRS Design and Build Committee:

The committee stated that there is insufficient grant budget remaining for the following items and asked for members to consider donating these items: clear plastic totes (shoe

box size), trash can (donated), sound deafening foam (donated), leveling blocks, lug wrench and tool kit. POC: Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Purchased with grant funds (\$281.27):

Adjustable hitch (\$149.10)

Propane Tank Racks (\$62.78)

Ramp in case of flat tire (\$69.39)

Work left to be done: Mount trash can, mount propane tanks, clean and organize the trailer, and submit the Final Report to the ARRL Foundation.

MHRS Towing and Maintenance Committee:

Committee to be established. POC Steve KO4AFL and Chip WB4ZBR

Education and Scholarship:

Bishop England HS: St. John Catholic School has approached BEHS to team to propose to build a station with the end goal of an ISS contact. The ARISS school contact application is due **10 Nov 23**. POC Tom AJ4UQ

School Round up this week.

Hunley Event Feb 2024 at Fort Moultrie. Gates open at 9 AM and trailer setup. TARC members to arrive at 10 AM. TARC will use N4HLH station ID. POC Tom Valenzia W4ID

Careers on Wheels: 17 Nov 23 Commitment due by 31 Oct 23. TARC could not commit to support this event due to lack of anyone willing to tow the trailer. POC: Stephen Behr, K4OPZ

Discussion to restart of Palmetto Scholars Academy K4PSA continues. POC Stephen Behr, K4OPZ

ARRL offering a General Class. 2 Nov 23 - 11 Jan 24. The National Electronics Museum announced an online general class license course.

A free, weekly, live, Amateur Radio General Class Licensing course on Zoom will begin on Thursday, Nov 2, and will run through Thursday, January 11.

The three-hour sessions will start at 6:30 PM Eastern Time. These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the National Electronics Museum. Prerequisite is to have or be studying for the Technician Class License. Please publicize this with anyone you know that you think would be interested. Those wishing to sign up should email Roland Anders, K3RA, at roland.anders@comcast.net.

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Renata Sierzega
KQ4ASH

Adjourned: 1938

Raffle:

Program: The October program introduced the club Elmers/mentors and what they can help with and what resources are available on the TARC website.