

**Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes FINAL**



**11/20/2023**

**Officers:**

**President** - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome

**Vice President** - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – Absent

**Treasurer** - Jim Self, KW4PW – \$6,700 balance. Dues due.

**Secretary** - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH –

**Board Member at Large** - Chris Benoit, KC4NW –

**Board Member at Large** - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –

**Membership** – Ron Davis, K4TCP – 109 members. 50% have paid dues. Members will be off the roster after Jan 2024 if not paid.

**Testing** – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – 1 tested in Nov. No additional sign ups to date.

**Programs** – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Behr K4OPZ/ New member: Greg Mitchell KB1AWM  
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**QSL manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – Looking for new QSL manager.

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF –

TARC 147.345 offline and recaptured. Adams Run: 147.345 Tone 141.3 Archie Durland K4IUG. Hams can hit this repeater from anywhere in the tri-county area but it is not linked to other repeaters.

TARC 147.27 recaptured equipment. Awaiting new location.

**Fund Raising** – Jim Self, KW4PW – See also properties.

**Properties** – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –

**Grant Project Manager** – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – The remainder of the grant funds have been expended with the purchase of Anderson Powerpole Connectors. Tom Valenzia W4ID donated the Powerpole Crimping Tool. The Grant Bank Account has been closed and the draft Final Report has been submitted to the Board for their approval at the next Board meeting.

Call to order: 1900: 32 in attendance

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Upcoming Events**

**Winter Field Day: 27-28 Jan 2024:** POC Jim Self KW4PW

- Glenn's place: 251 E Highland Dr., Summerville, SC. Requires rental of a porta potty. Chip has signs and cones for directions once close to the address.
- Consider establishing a Field Day Committee. John Satterfield KK4JS

**Hunley Event 17 Feb 2024** at Fort Moultrie, 1214 Middle St., Sullivans Island, SC. Gates open at 9 AM and trailer setup. TARC members to arrive at 10 AM. TARC will use N4HLH station ID.

The "yellow" grassy area is reserved for support vehicles. This is where our trailer will be located. We might have to consider shoring in the event we have wet/soft ground. Shore boards are available for under the trailer. Please note, no antennas will be allowed outside of the red perimeter. At the next TARC meeting a diagram of the site will be put up on the screen. POC Tom Valenzia W4ID

Summer Field Day 22-23 June 2024 Need a POC. Club needs to find a location by the Feb 2024 meeting.

**MHRS Design and Build Committee:** Thank you for your service to the club. Your time and talent have been greatly appreciated. This committees' responsibilities are complete.

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### **Maintenance and Deployment Committee**

The State Farm Insurance refund has been received and the policy ID cards have been received.

The committee will establish criteria/vet for deployment of trailer including STEM and school visits. Reviewing use and deployment options. Will be sending out a survey for areas where/when to deploy.

When established, the ad hoc Maintenance and Deployment Committee will send out a survey for deployment training days.

The second intercom system has arrived and the computers and monitors need to be installed. As the trailer is put in service, a list of improvements or additions will be requested from those operating from the MHRS. Rework on devices is pending and will be shipped out. Sound dampening foam was donated. Work left to be done: mount propane tanks after floor repair, clean and organize the trailer. Team also needs assistance from a welder. POC Ron K4TCP

There was discussion on taking the Boy Scouts of America child protection training. The BSA Coastal Carolina Counsel phone is [1 843 763 0305](tel:18437630305). Club needs to contact the Council for further information.

### **Education and Scholarship Committee:**

St John Catholic School: ARRL education curriculum. One lesson per month. Lesson 2: Build crystal radios (5-7 kits only). Please look at the TARC Website to see a writeup and pictures of this event. The following members volunteered to assist. Glen W4NMW, Tim KQ4JVQ, Tom W4ID, Steve K4OPZ, Jim KO4MNB, Tom AJ4UQ and Frank K1FHT. Jim built one and it works! POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB & Steve Behr K4OPZ

If interested in joining this committee, contact the POC's.  
Ron K4TCP is considering writing an article on this initiative for ARRL.

St. John Catholic School has invited us back to the Parish Hall on **December 4th from 12:00-1:00** to help our student teams finish wiring their Crystal Radio Kits and test them outdoors. We will be field testing the radios at the school with a 40' long wire and a good ground so that they can take them home to show Mom and Dad what they built before Christmas break.

Discussion to restart of Palmetto Scholars Academy K4PSA continues. TARC to consider asking Molly Meyer to attend the first class for the Teachers Institute. Steve will also be in contact with PSA teacher Molly Meyer. POC Steve Behr K4OPZ

Joint Base Charleston: The JBC airshow is **19-21 Apr 2024**. There is a STEM hanger for this event. Club to consider getting a booth in the hanger. POC Chip WB4ZVR

### **Brochures:**

New brochures have been printed and received.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Education and Scholarship Committee:**

INFORMATION: ARRL The National Electronics Museum offers licensing classes. Please publicize this with anyone you know that you think would be interested. Those wishing to sign up should mail Roland Anders, K3RA, at [roland.anders@comcast.net](mailto:roland.anders@comcast.net). Note: This class rotates. The Technician class is currently being offered. The next one is Extra and then starts again with Technician.

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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 **Spring 2024**.

TARC met with Bishop England High School and St. John Catholic School on 3 Nov 2023. They have agreed to team up to write a joint proposal for the Amateur Radio for the International Space Station (ARISS) submission in the **Spring 2024**. POC Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ & Greg Mitchell KB1AWM

We also received a request from Dr. Patricia Ferguson, from the SC Department of Employment and Workforce, asking our help to work with the them and one or more public high schools to assist them with another ARISS proposal to be submitted in the **Spring 2024**. POC Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

**MHRS Towing and Maintenance Committee:** To be established by **30 Dec 23** when the Grant ends. This will be an Ad Hoc committee. The Design and Build Committee will no longer exist. The Board must define the charter of this standing committee in the Bylaws and appoint a leader. Please consider joining this group. You do not have to have a truck to pull the trailer to join. The trailer is approximately 5,000 LB, 20 feet long. A F150 with an electric braking system can pull it. POC Steve Anderjack KO4AFL Members: Chip WB4ZVR & Jim KW4PW & Mike KJ4TAC

#### **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) and leveling blocks. Lug wrench and tool kit (donated by Mike Edwards). POC: Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Work left to be done: Mount trash can: done, mount propane tanks after floor repair, clean and organize the trailer. Team also needs assistance from a welder. POC Ron K4TCP

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The grant budget now has a \$0.00 balance after purchase of Powerpole connectors. The grant bank account is closed and a zero (or near zero) balance statement to be attached the final ARRLF report that is due by the end of the year. The final ARRLF report will be presented to the Board for approval at the **4 Dec 2023** Board Meeting. POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB

**TREASURER:**

Current Balance: \$6417  
Pd \$185 TARC name tags

Purchased support boards for trailer.

Social media: Website charges: Dream Host  
Hosting: \$156 for 1 year approved due **1/20/24**  
Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/25**

**Properties:**

Michael Jordan K3Z has sent a list of donated items that can be used as door prizes for the club in the future, as items for a tailgate possibly at the Winter Field Day, list for sale on the TARC website or set up a table at the meetings with the equipment. A comprehensive list needs to be completed.

Discussion on how to change "gifts" to resources.

**Membership:**

Membership name badges from Palmetto Awards price increased. Board discussed utilizing a different membership badge including additional info such as license and other training info or just add the fee to the membership for the first year.

**Testing:** Testing is scheduled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month. No one has signed up as of today for this month.

Due to the short time before the Christmas holiday, the party for the club will be at Givhans Ferry State Park from 10 am- 3 pm. Food will be a dish to pass. Email information has been sent out. Address: 746 Givhans Ferry Rd., Ridgeville, SC 29472

Adjourned: 1954

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Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH

**November Program:** Exchanging QSL cards and confirming contacts with Logbook of the World

Volunteer needed for Jan 2024 program.