

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes FINAL

11/6/2023



Officers:

President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome

Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – via ZOOM

Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW – Report below

Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH –

Board Member at Large - Chris Benoit, KC4NW –

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – via ZOOM

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP – A few new members

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –

Programs – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Behr K4OPZ/ New member: Greg Mitchell KB1AWM

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – 3: 2 Little David, 1 Hunley. 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

TARC 147.27 recaptured equipment. Awaiting new location.

Fund Raising – Jim Self, KW4PW – See also properties

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – via ZOOM: See below

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – The remainder of the grant funds have been expanded 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: 1923 @ Hanahan Library 1216 Old Murry Ct., Hanahan, SC

OLD BUSINESS:

Outgoing board members:

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – Unable to access the safe deposit box at SC Federal, will return the key to Mike Edwards. Update: Board voted to discontinue the use of the safe deposit box when able per contract. Documents to be maintained by the Board electronically.

Upcoming Events

Winter Field Day: 27-28 Jan 2023:

Possible locations: No final decision.

- Biggins Creek in Moncks Corner. There are bathrooms, no powerlines, but not an ideal location per discussion. POC Jim Self KW4PW
- Glenn's place: Requires rental of a porta potty.

Hunley Event 17 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.

The insurance certificate for the Hunley event is being secured by Ron Davis K4TCP to include the "United States of America" as an additional insured same as in years past.

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Tentative approval received, permit signed, initialed all the conditions, and returned the application for final sign-off. Page five of the document depicts the assigned operating area. 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.

MHRS Design and Build Committee:

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

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When established, the ad hoc Maintenance and Deployment 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 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. Rework on devices is pending and will be shipped out.

Education and Scholarship Committee:

St John Catholic School: ARRL education curriculum. One lesson per month. Lesson 2: Build crystal radios (5-7 kits only). We received donations for 6 Crystal Radio Kits to build with 6 student teams of approximately 4 students each in 5th to 8th grade on Friday, **10 Nov 2023, 12:00-1:00**. The following members volunteered to assist. Glen W4NMW, Tim KQ4JVQ, Tom W4ID, Steve KO4AFL, Jim KO4MNB, Tom AJ4UQ and Frank K1FHT. Jim built one and it works! POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB & Steve Behr K4OPZ

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 Donna Heisler (engineering teacher). POC Steve Behr K4OPZ

National Stem Day in **8 Nov 23** POC Steve Behr

Brochures:

Approved ordering 250 more TARC tri-fold brochures. Qwik Pack and Ship in Charleston (previous vendor): 94# cover folded \$225 approved. POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB

NEW BUSINESS:

Education and Scholarship Committee:

INFORMATION: 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.

Note: This class rotates. The next one is Extra and then starts again with Technician.

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**. They will need a TARC Letter of Commitment. This includes TARC support, a competitive proposal with pre-established questions from the students, an education plan and information on the station itself. The schools, of course, want to include media coverage. POC Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ

Last week, we 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**. They will need a TARC Letter of Commitment. 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.

POC Steve Anderjack KO4AFL and Chip WB4ZVR

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, mount propane tanks, clean and organize the trailer.

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The grant budget now has a \$0.00 balance after purchase of power pole connectors. The grant bank account can be closed and attach a zero (or near zero) balance statement to the final ARRLF report that is due by the end of the year. The goal is to have the draft final ARRLF report 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

The checking account is maintained at South Carolina Federal Credit Union. Currently signatures on the account are Glenn Stephens WA4NMW, Stephen Anderjack KO4AFL, and Jim Self KW4PW. John Satterfield KK4JS still has a working debit card but hasn't used it unless asked by the President or Treasurer.

Update: Stephen Anderjack KO4AFL will update the signatures on the account to include Stephen Anderjack KO4AFL, Jim Self KW4PW and TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH with appointment letters for the bank.

Purchased support boards for trailer.

Social media: Website charges:

Hosting: \$156 for 1 year or \$396 for 3 years due **1/20/24**

Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/25**

Properties:

Michael Jordan 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, list for sale on the TARC website or set up a table at the meetings with the equipment.

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 3rd Wed of every month. No one has signed up as of today for this month.

Media: Relook at Facebook and Meetup opportunities. POC Ron Davis
K4TCP

Misc: Due to the short time before the Christmas holiday, the party for the club may be an ad hoc gathering.

Adjourned: 1923

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Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH