

# Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## Board Meeting Minutes FINAL

1/6/2025



**President** - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome  
**Vice President** - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –  
**Treasurer** - Jim Self, KW4PW – see Treasurer’s Report  
**Secretary** - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH –  
**Board Member at Large** - Chris Benoit, KC4NW –  
**Board Member at Large** - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –  
**Membership** – Ron Davis, K4TCP -  
**Testing** – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –  
**Programs** – Greg Mitchell KB1AWM -  
**QSL manager** –Chris Benoit KC4NW-  
**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF –  
**Fund Raising** –Jim Self, KW4PW –  
**Properties** – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –  
**Education and Scholarship**- Jim Wasson KO4MNB, Stephen Behr K4OPZ  
**Field Day**- Ron K4TCP, TW KF4CQH, John Satterfield KK4JS, Steve KO4AFL

### Call to order:

Adjourn: 1815

Location: Hanrahan Library

**SILENT KEY:** John Hill AC4WP has become a silent key. The only word we have is that he passed a couple of weeks ago. Please refer all other communications directly to the family.

**Upcoming Events:** Note: All participation for events must be approved by the Board prior to any members signing up the Club to participate.

### **“ANNUAL EVENTS”: Mark your calendars!**

**Winter Field Day: 25-26 January 2025**

**Hunley Special Event: 15 February 2025**

**Hunley Museum Ships: 7-8 Jun 2025**

**Summer Field Day: 28-29 June 2025**

### **EVENTS:**

**Technician Class:** The class will span six sessions over three weeks, held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm at the Dorchester EOC, 212 Deming Way, Summerville, SC on the following dates:

- **January 14, 16, 21, 23**
- **February 4, 6**

ARRL slide set will be used. Additional instructors are needed.  
The last class the Technician Exam will be given. 8-10 people are signed up to date.

### **Winter Field Day: 25 Jan 11 am to 26 Jan 2025 5 pm**

St John's Church, 3673 Maybank Hwy, John's Island, SC.

Setup starts at 9 am. Please come early to assist. 2 radios will be utilized. Rules sent via email by Ron K4TC. A driver is needed for the trailer.

A dinner potluck is planned Saturday evening. The club will be providing pulled pork. There will be a signup for all the side dishes.

A donation to the church will be \$250.

### **HamCation 2025 February 7-9, 2025**

Located at the Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park in Orlando

It is one of the world's largest hamfests, featuring over 150 commercial booths, 200+ swap tables, and a massive tailgate area. HamCation is a major event for amateur (ham) radio operators.

### **Citadel Events: 8 Feb 25 POC: Steve K4OPZ**

Dr. Jennifer Albert, Director of the STEM Center invited TARC to set up and operate for the "Storm the Citadel" event on 8 February 2025. Details are pending. No update as of 6 Jan 25.

### **Hunley Special Event: 15 February 2025**

Come chat on and off the radio! Special Use Permit paid \$50.00. Need insurance certificate. There will be no RV's.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Trailer Maintenance and Deployment Committee:** POC Steve KO4AFL

Members: Chip WB4ZVR, Jim KW4PW, Mike KJ4TAC, Ron K4TCP and Glenn WA4NMW

- Club, educational and promotional use.
- Request for trailer use to be submitted to the committee 60-90 days in advance.
- Work left to be done:
  - Mount propane tanks after continued floor repair (weld frame "C" channel support)
  - TW suggested we mount the two tanks on the tongue and buy a cover for them. Steve advised against having that much weight on the tongue.
  - Some rust spots noted on the trailer frame and needs to be removed
  - Small dehumidifier for the trailer: The membership approved \$350 for a dehumidifier. Consider providing Glenn a stipend to use his outdoor outlet.
  - GPS repeater \$80 approved: Need to mount antenna on the roof upright.
  - Solar panels and charge controller have been mounted. Need to run conduit through the roof and into the trailer electrical system.
  - Soundproof curtain obtained and needs to be installed.

**Education and Scholarship Committee:** Jim KO4MNB and Stephen K4OPZ

**St. John Catholic School:** POC Jim KO4MNB and Stephen K4OPZ

- TARC to teach electronics starting in **January 2025**. TARC team proposed a flashing LED multi-vibrator circuit kit for the students to build. Additionally, Durand requests TARC team to teach soldering to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders so their kit will include printed circuit boards. **DATE: 9 Jan 25 at 9 AM**. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders would not be soldering, but use push pin press boards. **DATE: 8 Jan 25 at 9 AM**.

**Scholarship Program:** POC: Owen Trott, KF5BLK

Owen to present a proposal regarding an overhaul of the TARC Scholarship Program to the Board at the 6 January 2025. This did not occur. Board will contact Owen to reschedule for the February 2025 board meeting.

The membership indicated they supported the education programs at the schools at this time.

Note: The TARC website information on the scholarship needs to be updated.

**WINLINK:** Discussed. Suggestion made to do an in-service on WINLINK. Ron K4TCP

**Membership:** POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 122 (77 currently paid)

Discussion on having the meetings on ZOOM for those that cannot attend in person has been rejected due to the complications of the process.

**QSL:** POC: Chris KC4NW No update.

**Programs:** POC: Greg KB1AWN

The following ideas to be considered for future club programming for members.

- **Jan:** DX Mission Report, Van N4VGE
  - Other DX info
    - [Rotuma DXpedition 2024 | PIDXG - 3D2Z](#)
- **Feb:** Propagation information: solar cycle Greg KB1AWM
- **March:** Contact Logging Ron K4TCP
- **April:** View video of ARISS event pending Talent Release approval
- **May:**
- **June:** J pole and antennas building info at the meeting. Making the antennas will occur on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> during Saturday of Summer Field Day. \$25 donation needed for materials.
- Radio activities: satellite
- Programming for Extras
- Slim Jim Building: POC Ron K4TCP
- Computer Aided Training (CAT) via YouTube

Discussion concerning timing of the programs during the meeting.

- Consider the program first: issue with people working getting there
- Set up before the program to be able to start the program promptly

- Meeting should be concluded within 45 minutes to allow time for the program

**TREASURER:** Jim KW4PW

South Carolina Federal Credit Union

- Total balance: \$7710
- Expenses: Approximately \$2,500/year
- Expenses: Insurance \$132; Operating Day Fort Moultrie \$50,
- Earnings:
  - Dues received: To date
- Social media: Website: Dream Host
  - Hosting due **1/20/25**.
  - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/25**
- Raffle: Another radio box will be purchased for the next raffle.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TARC Website:** Read article written about the ARISS contact.

**TREASURER:** Jim KW4PW

Discuss plan for future use of club finances.

**Dorchester EOC:** There was a discussion about meeting with the Dorchester Amateur Radio Team (DART) regarding a location to install our 270 repeater in Summerville to augment the 610 repeater that Steve KO4AFL has running on his property. Jim KW4PW took the action to contact DART President, Beverly Boyd, to schedule a meeting date.

**TARC Meeting Location:** Discussion concerning a new meeting location due to increased membership in attendance. St. John's School has offered their site. TARC members to look at the site. This will be readdressed if the club finds that the Red Cross facility can no longer hold the number of attendees.

**General Information:**

**Repeaters:** Status will be reported monthly. POC: Bryce K4LXF

- See list on TARC website

**Lending Library:** TARC members are encouraged to bring books to the monthly meetings. Board requests that Owen provide list of books available on the website. POC Owen KF5BLK

**Testing:** Testing is scheduled at 6:30pm the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month. Preregister for the exam session at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg>

**Club Call Sign Info:**

- N4EE: Maintain N4EE for Special Events and Field Day. David Merritts AE4ZR is the custodian and uploads into QRZ.
- N4HLH: Use for Hunley Events. Ron K4TCP is the custodian and uploads into QRZ.
- W4ANK: Repeater Call Sign for future for club events. Rick N8BKN is custodian.

Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH  
Secretary