

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club  
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March 3, 2020

**Minutes of the February 11, 2020 regular meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.**

The February meeting of the Tri City Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7pm by president Bob Nazro . It was immediately deferred to the evening's program, a very interesting presentation by Ken Burgess, KB!Z, on the topic of Dominant Noise, that is, the electrical noise environment around our homes and radio stations. Ken discussed a variety of ways to evaluate the noise environment around our stations and strategies to dramatically improve it.

At the conclusion of Ken's presentation, the regular business meeting resumed with 9 members and guests present.

The minutes of the January 2020 meeting were read and accepted.

The club treasurer's report was read and approved. KC1TWR presented receipts for payment of Web Domain and P.O. Box fees. A motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse Tim for those club expenses.

**Committee Reports:**

Antenna Committee:...K1RMN reported on the committee's search for appropriate antenna supports and presented the committee's recommendation to buy two MFJ towers, tripods and associate hardware at a total cost of \$1069. plus tax and shipping. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to obtain these items. Regarding antennas, the committee is leaning toward using wire antennas. A specific recommendation will be presented at the March meeting.

Bylaws revision committee: Markups showing proposed changes are shown on the club website. It was mentioned that if the club wants to IRS 501.c(?) tax exempt status, there are specific clauses that need to be included in the By-Laws. The revision committee will suspend its effort until these specific requirements are identified for inclusion.

Communications committee: KC1TWR and KC1KLW attended a Meetup meeting (workshop) on the use of Wordpress Software for website development, and its possible use on the TCARC site.

Field Day committee: The theme for 2020 Field Day will be "Fun and Food" (again). Emphasis will be on employing new hams as operators. The committee is still searching for an appropriate location. A location decision should be made at the March meeting.

Filter Committee: Harry Solt, N1FAM has agreed to assist the club with the fabrication of a set of filters to reduce interband interference during field day operations.

Program committee: The March program will feature Mark Noe. He will be speaking on Amateur Satellite operations, before the business meeting.

TIPS Net: KC1TWR reported that the TIPS Net has been having 5-7 checkins weekly, on the 147.06 repeater. The net's current format of discussing a variety of topics continues to be a success. Recent topics have included improving your ham shack, VHF Contesting, RI Repeaters, Pet Peeves, The 220 mhz band, and Radio Trivia. The topic for future net sessions will be posted on the TCARC website by the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly

### **Old business:**

A proposal by SCRAMS to put together a PR brochure that summarizes amateur radio activity in Eastern Connecticut was presented. The concept is to put together a tri-fold flyer that gives each area club space to present info in their repeaters, programs and meetings. Expenses would shared by the clubs. A motion

was made, seconded and approved to participate in this effort, The Communications Committee will work on this.

### **New Business:**

None.

### **Other information:**

- The New England ARRL Convention (“Boxboro”) is changing its name and location. It is now the NE Ham Expo and will be held at the Best Western Convention Center in Marlboro, MA on July 24-26, 2020
- The RASON Auction will be held at the Gales Ferry Fire Station on April 25, 2020.
- The Annual TCARC Auction will be on October 31 at the Gales Ferry Fire Station.
- ARRL International DX contest...15 Feb 2020
- Marlboro Hamfest....15 Feb

President Bob Nazro reported the passing of his father, Fred Nazro, W1RPQ, on Feb 8, 2020 at the age of 98. Fred was a retired Coast Guardsman, a long member and former treasurer of TCARC, and a good friend. He will be missed by many.

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Scott, WA2RYV, Secretary