

# Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 552, Groton, CT 06340

June 9, 2020

## **Minutes of the June 9, 2020 regular meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.**

The June meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club was conducted as a directed net on the 147.06 Salem repeater, due to the corona-19 virus pandemic related public health restrictions on gatherings of greater than 5 people.

Nine club members and guests checked in. Club president Bob Nazro, W1RPQ called the meeting to order at 1904 hours. Bob opened the meeting welcoming the new officers, Vice President Bill K1EV, Secretary Tim KC1TWR, and Treasurer Jerry K1JMN. Bob then thanked the outgoing officers Vice President Josh KOJEB, Secretary Tom WA2RYV, and Treasurer Tina N1EAT, for all their efforts for the club.

The secretary's minutes of the May meeting were distributed to club officers via e-mail and posted to the club website for membership review. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the amended April minutes. (KOJEB/KC1CVO).

The club treasurer was not present, so no report was given. Bob W1RPQ informed the club that per last month's election Tina N1EAT had been removed from the club's bank account and Jerry K1JMN had been added.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Antenna Committee:** W1RPQ reported that they have received the antenna masts, rope, and anchors. The committee proposed the club purchasing twelve tensioner line handlers for the lines with a total cost of \$156.32. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to purchase the twelve tensioner line handlers for a total cost of \$156.32. (KOJEB/K1EV).

**Bylaws revision committee:** (WA2RYV) Nothing to report at this time.

**Communications committee:** (K1JMN) The notice to be posted in the Norwich newspaper is being re-written explaining Field Day will be worked separately this year but that it has not been cancelled.

**Field Day committee:** (W1RPQ) Noted that this year each operator would be working separately at home or in the field but that there would not be a club gathering in one location. It was decided not to make use of the CT ARES MCU Trailer

this year. Tim KC1TWR to notify Wayne N1CLV and Jason KC1KOC. Also it was reported that the license for the club's N3FJP logging software could not be used this year as the restriction is it was licensed for Field Day gatherings where all operators are within the 1,000 ft diameter circle and all using the club call sign. That being the case each operator must use their own method or logging software. It was noted that Radio Operators should use their own call sign during Field Day and not the club's call sign. When submitting their logs to ARRL for Field Day in the 'Club or Group Name' field of the web entry form they should put 'TriCity ARC CT' exactly as shown here. This will allow the club to aggregate scores from club members. The club Facebook page will be active during Field Day and members can post pictures of their setup and make comments about their activities. Bob W1RPQ stated he still has some antenna kits for those interested in the Antenna Contest.

**Program Committee:** (K0JEB) Josh K0JEB will be performing a test Zoom meeting this Saturday June 13 at 9:00 AM. If anyone would like to join in on the test contact Josh K0JEB at [joshua.burke@cpgeek.com](mailto:joshua.burke@cpgeek.com). Jim W1FWE pointed out that we only need nine presentations during the year as the other meetings have club functions that would preclude presentations. He also recommended a schedule be published so people could mark their calendars. Future program topics are on hold currently due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**Tips Net:** KC1TWR reported that the TIPS Net has been having an average of 7 to 9 check-ins weekly, on the 147.06 repeater. There are some who are regular attendees and some new attendees come and go as they have questions. Recent topics have been ham sticks, QSL cards, and logging software. All sessions are being recorded and are available from KA6PDG on his internet site, [AM1700.org/TipsNet](http://AM1700.org/TipsNet).

## **Old business:**

**PR Brochure:** No further word from SCRAMS so this is on hold,

**VEoSEC (Volunteer Examiners of South Eastern Connecticut) held a VE session** at the Red Cross office on May 30 for six examinees. Tom WA2RYV reported that two Extra and two Generals were successful, and two failures resulted. Congratulations to all who successfully passed or upgraded their licenses. Jim W1FWE reminded the club that it was a process of the club to offer a free membership in Tri-City ARC for anyone who obtained an amateur radio license. A closed exam session strictly for NFA students is planned for the end of June. No other slots are available due to the location of the exam and the Covid-19 distancing restrictions.

**Ham Radio Boot Camp** planning is on hold.

**Tri City Auction:** WA2RYV A motion was made, seconded, to cancel the October 31, 2020 Tri-City ARC Auction. A vote was taken with 4 for the motion and 1 against. The motion passed. (K1JMN/K1EV).

### **New Business:**

**Fox Hunting:** Bob W1RPQ responded to a question about local Fox Hunting, saying that in the next month or two there may be 3-4 Foxes set up locally.

**Becoming a Not-For-Profit Organization:** Jerry K1JMN has an accountant who is willing to meet with representatives of the club to discuss the pros and cons of becoming a non-profit club. Once this information is obtained it will be distributed to the club members in a codified manner.

**Website – Swap and Sell Section:** Josh K0JEB suggested adding a Swap and Sell section to the club's web page. This was tabled for offline discussion.

### **For the Good of the Order:**

K0JEB welcomed the new officers to their new positions in the club. He also thanked the club for allowing him to be the club's Vice President this past year. Club President Bob W1RPQ thanked Josh for his year in that position and is looking forward to working with Josh during the coming year.

Mike W1MCT had a pacemaker successfully installed. He is recovering at home.

Arthur Perry, KQ1O, of Waterford passed away at the age of 101 on May 11 from Covid-19 virus. Art was a very active member of TCARC during the 1970s, 80s and 90s.

Josh K0JEB offered to help anyone that has any difficulties submitting their Field Day logs to ARRL.

### **Upcoming Events:**

TCARC auction October 31 has been cancelled.

The Thursday and Saturday breakfasts are still on hold due to the social distancing.

The road races and associated ARES support activities have been either postponed or canceled for the summer of 2020.

ARES and the Red Cross conducted a nationwide exercise on Saturday May 30. The CT ARES Region 4 and Red Cross Territory 4 (which overlap each other) had a good session with local hams submitting shelter reports. All local amateur radio operators are encouraged to participate in these SET exercises so that when a real emergency happens, they will be prepared to help the local agencies by providing communications that are meaningful to the served agencies. Another Red Cross and ARES SET is being planned in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary