

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club (Draft v4)

PO Box 552, Groton, CT 06340

August 11, 2020

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

The August meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club was conducted using the video conferencing application Zoom due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic related public health restrictions on gatherings of greater than 5 people.

Club president Bob Nazro, W1RPQ called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours. The following were present: Bob Nazro W1RPQ (President), Bill Birtcher K1EV (VP), Jerry Morales K1JMN (Treasurer), Tim Rodgers KC1TWR (Secretary); and Tom Scott WA2RYV, Josh Burke KOJEB, Jeremy Rooks KC1NBY

Secretaries Report: Bill K1EV made a motion to accept secretary's minutes of the July meeting, seconded by Tom WA2RYV. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$6,324.83. Dues and donations \$60.00. Expenses \$2.00. Ending balance \$6,382.83. Josh KOJEB moved to accept, seconded by Bill K1EV. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Antenna Committee: All the equipment is on hand. We just need the opportunity to get together and finish the build out of the towers and guidelines.

Bylaws revision committee: Proposed updated Bylaws and list of changes were sent to the members. Members to review and either email the committee with their comments or bring their comments to the September meeting.

Field Day committee: Club contest standings were sent out to the club members. Antenna building kits are still available.

Program Committee: Josh KOJEB is seeking suggestions for presentations that can be done on Zoom.

Tips Net: Tim KC1TWR reported continued steady attendance with subjects such as CoCoRaHS - Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow, Parks on the Air, Winlink, and the recent tropical storm.

ARES Report: Tim KC1TWR reported Sunday August 23rd 8 PM there will be a virtual statewide CT ARES meeting. The Out of the Darkness Niantic Walk scheduled for Saturday, 17 October 2020 will most probably be a virtual event this year. October and November events are still on, currently. There are plans for another national Rd Cross / ARES SET on November 14, 2020. The Red Cross is looking for

damage assessment from the tropical storm. In particular they are looking for reports about any major damage to homes. If you see any email a description, and a photo if possible, to CTRIDST@redcross.org.

Wellness Net: The net will continue for now even though attendance has been spotty. Discussion occurred and a decision was made to try a Monday through Friday Tri-City Breakfast Net on the Salem repeater at 8 AM EDT. about a breakfast Net at 8 AM with no decision made. Tim KC1TWR will kick this off.

Old business:

RASON Picnic: Picnic is on Thursday August 20 starting at 6 PM at the East Great Plain Firehouse Pavilion.

Tri-City VE Test Sessions: Bob W1RPQ is interest in having a monthly Exam session (WED). 3 VE's (EXTRA) required. Shelved until the next meeting. to next meeting.

Ham Radio Boot Camp: 2 to 3 sessions to cover VHF/UHF radios, Programing, and installation; HF radios; Antennas, Power Supplies and grounding; and getting on the air with repeaters and NETS.

Setting up online payment system for club dues and donations: PAYPAL, Venmo, or other accounts for the club, to allow people to pay dues online. Tabled until next meeting. Please bring your recommendations to the next meeting where a decision may be made.

New Business:

Club groups.io email account: Decision was made to create a subgroup for the officers.

Bank Statements: Jerry K1JMN will notify the bank to stop sending paper statements, thus saving the club \$2.00 per month. Statements are available online.

For the Good of the Order:

Bob bought Harbor Freight case for the clubs MFJ-269 antenna analyzer. Jeremy KC1NBY will configure the case of the antenna analyzer.

The use of the club call sign (W1QV) was discussed and agreed that the use of the club's call sign will be coordinated, and recorded by the trustee (club president). The club's call sign can only be in use by one person at a time.

Mike Tucker W1MCT is still recovering from his bout with gout. He is still recuperating at his brother's home in Michigan, until at least September.

Kevin Harkins KA6PDG is temporarily the NTS until Mike Tucker W1MCT returns.

The RASON N1NW 146.73 will be off the air for a few hours Thursday August 13 about 10 AM EDT due to utilities work on the water tank.

The Echolink for Groton will be moved from Josh KOJEB to Tim KC1TWR. This will alleviate some of the load on Josh as he is still supporting Echolink to the Salem repeater.

Upcoming Events:

TCARC auction October 31 has been cancelled.

Thursday Breakfast, 07:00 Olde Tymes Restaurant, Norwich on hold.

Saturday Breakfast, 08:00 Uncasville Diner, Montville is still on hold.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary

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