

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 552, Groton, CT 06340

July 14, 2020

Minutes of the July 14, 2020 regular meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.

The July meeting of the Tri- City Amateur Radio Club was conducted using the video conferencing application Zoom due to the corona-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 19:02 hours. The following were present: Bob Nazro W1RPQ (President), Bill Birtcher K1EV (VP), Jerry Morales K1JMN (Treasurer), Tim Rodgers KC1TWR (Secretary); and Rob Sawyer KB1RS, Harry Solt N1FAM, Josh Burke K0JEB, Tina Main N1EAT.

Harry N1FAM made a motion to accept secretary's minutes of the June, seconded by Tina N1EAT. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bank accounts currently have \$6,458.83. Bill K1EV moved to accept, seconded by Rob KB1RS. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Antenna Committee: All ordered equipment has been received.

Bylaws revision committee: After discussion decision was made to move forward with most of the revisions, and work on the 401©3 non-profit changes later. Rob KB1RS offered to assist while he is in quarantine in Hawaii.

Communications committee: Nothing reported.

Field Day committee: Bob W1RPQ noted ARRL reported more entries than usual, probably due to allowing D stations to score points. Club Antenna Building Contest extended to the end of October. Rob KB1RS attended the ECARA club Field Day event and had a good time.

Program Committee: No activities planned for the near future due to Covid-19.

Tips Net: Tim KC1TWR reported steady attendance with subjects such as DMR, backpacking, QRP and other topics. Kevin Harkins KA6PDG is recording all sessions and are available at <https://am1700.org/tipsnet/>.

Wellness Net: The net will continue for now even though attendance has been spotty. Discussion also occurred about a breakfast Net at 8 AM with no decision made.

Old business:

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

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

Tri-City VE Test Sessions: Bob W1RPQ suggested have a test session in August. Tim KC1TWR will check if the Red Cross Office can be used again.

Ham Radio Boot Camp: Planning is on hold.

Fox Hunting: Bob W1RPQ has his Fox Box just about done.

New Business:

W1QV Activations: Bob W1RPQ offered the club call sign to anyone interested in activating an island, park or lighthouse. Also available are the club generator and radios.

Annual Budget: Bob W1RPQ presented the club budget for next year.

Insurance	\$200
Christmas Brunch	\$50
PO Box Rental	\$106
State Inc. Report	\$50
Web Hosting	\$96
Field Day 2021	\$250
<u>Misc.</u>	<u>\$50</u>
Total:	\$802

Josh K0JEB made a motion to accept budget as presented, seconded by Tina N1EAT. Motion carried.

Secretary Supplies: Jerry K1JMN made a motion to spend up to \$140.00 on a locking case and file folders for club treasurer records consolidation. Rob KB1RS seconded. Motion carried.

Setting up online payment system for club dues and donations: Many different applications were discussed. Bob W1RPQ would like people who have an application in mind to submit posts to the Tri-City website so all club members can look and review the various options before the next meeting. This will be discussed at the next club meeting.

Islands on the Air: Tim KC1TWR will follow up on getting the Flat Hammock registered and activated with the US Islands group.

P.O. Box Key: Josh K0JEB will work with club secretary Jerry K1JMN to transfer the spare key to club's post office box from Josh to Jerry.

Vote on club membership dues for the coming year: Bill K1EV made a motion to keep the dues at \$10, seconded by Tim KC1TWR. Motion carried.

For the Good of the Order:

Josh K0JEB is off his feet for the next eight weeks due to a torn tendon.

Bill K1EV reported he has been helping Ed Eckelmeyer K1EE clean out his excess equipment as a club donation prior to his moving from Noank Village. Bill has provided a list to the club officers. One item is an ICOM 7100, which he recommended the club keep for the club members to use.

Upcoming Events:

TCARC auction October 31 has been cancelled.

Thursday Breakfast, 08:00 Olde Tymes Restaurant, Norwich seems to have restarted.

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

The road races and associated ARES supported activities have been either postponed or canceled for the summer of 2020. There are still three in October and three in November that have not cancelled yet.

Next Red Cross and ARES Nationwide SEET will be Saturday November 14, 2020.

CT ARES will be holding an HF Digital check in on Saturday July 18 8 PM on 80 meters.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary