

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular meeting

The September 10, 2019 regular business meeting was called to order at 1930 by club president Mike Tucker, W1MCT at the American Red Cross CT/RI Chapter, T4 office, Montville, CT, with 10 members present.

Secretary's report:

The minutes of the August 2019 meeting were read and accepted as corrected.  
((KOJEB/N1EAT))

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Old Business:

Bill, K1EV, and Bob, K1RMN, reported on their review of appropriate radio transceivers for club purchase. After considering several, they recommended that the club acquire an Icom IC-7300 and a Yaseu FT-450D, and appropriate power supplies, SWR bridges, and carrying cases. They felt that this combination offered both a state-of-the-art technology and a readily usable radio for both experienced hams and newly licensed operators. Their concept included circulating these new radios through the membership so that members could become familiar with them and the capabilities that they offer (after initial training). Antennas were not included in this proposal.

A motion was made and seconded (K1EV/W1FWE) to acquire the IC-7300, FT-450D and accessories, the total expenditure not to exceed \$2500. The motion was passed unanimously.

Josh, KOJEB, expresses a desire to find find and retain a tax attorney to review the club's affairs and to advise the club relative to it's tax status. No action was taken.

The club has received notice that its recent activation of Sandy Point on July 20, 2019 qualified for inclusion in the US Islands Program; Sandy Point has been designated as a "Qualified Island, CT/RI" in based on the 19 contacts that TCARC made.

Thanks to all who helped WR1B lower his 5 sections of Rohn 45 in preparation for his move to Pennsylvania.

Several members attended the Boxboro hamfest in Sep 8/9. They reported that the event was well attended, had good speakers at the evening dinners, and had informative sessions on fox hunting, club growth initiatives, FT8, and other topics. It was reported that the ARRL has taken the position the FT8 contacts will not count for ARRL operating awards.

It was reported that during the recent Fox Hunt, all hunters found the fox within one hour. The hunters are getting better.

K1EV presented an inventory of club equipment assets along with a recommendation regarding disposal of excess material at the upcoming TCARC Auction (Oct 26, 2019). The recommendations were discussed. A final decision will be made at the October meeting.

New Business:

2019 TCARC Auction: Auction details will be finalized at the October meeting. A motion was made,, seconded, and approved to reimburse WA2RYV for the \$50. hall rental fee which he had paid.

K1RMN asked for volunteers to assist with the sorting of Dean Brown's (SK) radio assets in preparation for the upcoming auction. The sorting will take place on 9/21.

KC1LVT, \_\_\_\_\_, was welcomed as a new amateur operator.

The passing of KA2VTI (SK), a well know HF net operator and fiend of W1MCT, was noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2152.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Scott, WA2RYV

Secretary

A presentation by Harrison So;t, N1FAM, on building “Ugly Filters” followed the meeting.

Upcoming Events:

TCARC Auction at Gales Ferry, October 26.

Mystic Tarzan Brown race Nov 3

Mystic Turkey Trot Nov28.

The next regular meeting will be on October 8 at the ARC office in Montville.