

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 552, Groton, CT 06340

October 13, 2020

Minutes of the October 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.

The October 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 to 50% capacity and members reluctance to meet face to face currently.

Club president Bob Nazro, W1RPQ called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours. The following members were present: Bob Nazro W1RPQ (President), Bill Birtcher K1EV (VP), Jerry Morales K1JMN (Treasurer), Tim Rodgers KC1TWR (Secretary); and Josh Burke K0JEB.

Secretaries Report: Bill K1EV made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes of the September meeting, seconded by Jerry K1JMN. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$6,277.13. Dues received \$20.00. Expenses none. PayPal also did test deposits totaling \$0.15 and withdrawal of \$0.15. Ending balance \$6,297.13. Bill K1EV moved to accept, seconded by Josh K0JEB. 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: Committee was disbanded as updated bylaws were adopted at the September meeting. Bob W1RPQ gave thanks to committee members Tom WA2RYV, Tina N1EAT, and Bill K1EV.

Field Day committee: Rob KB1RS, Jerry K1JMN, and Tim KC1TWR are on the committee. No report this meeting. Bob W1RPQ will check to see if the Oakdale site will be available for the 2021 Field Day June 26 – 27, 2021.

Program Committee: Decision was made to have presentations on non-meeting nights on Zoom. The first presentation night will be Tuesday November 17th at 7 PM. Bob W1RPQ will present on FT8.

Tips Net: We continue to have good discussions and have many experienced operators attending.

ARES Report: The Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5k is now virtual as is the Tarzan Brown Race and Turkey Trot. The Mystic Half Marathon and 10K has not been cancelled but

registration has been paused. ARES has established a New England ARES Academy (NEAA). Emails have been distributed to the club with the details.

Old business:

Amateur Radio Pamphlet Design: Bob K1RPQ suggested removing from business at this time

Tri-City VE Test Sessions: Next test session is planned to be on December 12th. Tim KC1TWR will check with Joe K1HBM if the East Great Plain Fire Pavilion and Meeting Room are available.

Ham Boot Camp: Bob W1RPQ recommended 2 to 3 sessions to cover VHF/UHF radios, Programming, and installation; HF radios; Antennas, Power Supplies and grounding and getting on the air with repeaters and NETS. Maybe move to an online Boot Camp.

New Business:

Audit Committee: In November we will need to appoint an audit committee

Auction: Spring outdoor auction with proposed July 24th date and rain date of July 31st. Tim KC1TWR will check if the Ledyard Pavilion is available.

Swap and Sell on webpage: Josh K0JEB has been developing a swap and sell web page for the clubs web page. Tim KC1TWR will get the information from Josh to start using the page and will manage the day to day operation of the page.

For the Good of the Order:

K1EE Ed Eckelmeyer house in Noank has sold and they are relocating to NJ.

Upcoming Events:

TCARC auction October 31, 2020 has been cancelled.

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

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

NEARFest 16 - 17 Oct 2020 has been cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary