

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 552, Groton, CT 06340

November 13, 2020

Minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.

The November 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 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); Rob Sawyer KB1RS, Josh Burke KOJEB, and Tom WA2RYV.

Secretaries Report: Josh KOJEB made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes of the October meeting, seconded by Rob KB1RS. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$6,277.13. Dues received \$67.05. Expenses none. Check #163 for \$31.90 and check #164 for \$31.90 outstanding to Bob W1RPQ. Ending balance \$6,364.18. Bill K1EV moved to accept, seconded by Josh KOJEB. 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.

Field Day committee: Rob KB1RS, Jerry K1JMN, and Tim KC1TWR are on the committee. Bob W1RPQ will check to see if the Oakdale site will be available for the 2021 Field Day June 26 – 27, 2021. Rob KB1RS will check out the site.

Program Committee: Bob W1RPQ will give a presentation on FT-8 Tuesday Nov 17 using Zoom. The Zoom details will be sent via email and also posted on the website.

Tips Net: We continue to have good discussions and have many experienced operators attending. This last month's topics including cross band duty cycle, HF vertical antennas, contest spotting, ham vs CB, and digital / analog repeaters.

ARES Report: November 14th Red Cross EmComm SET will have a national Winlink part and a local analog net part. Bob W1RPQ noted that the ARES University was very good and recommended people attend next year. This year's sessions were recorded and can be found on YouTube by searching for New England ARES Academy.

Old business:

Tri-City VE Test Sessions: Next test session is planned to be on December 12th at the East Great Plain Fire Department in the Meeting room. Bob W1RPQ will contact VE's to arrange coverage.

Ham Boot Camp: No report this meeting.

Web Page: Rob KB1RS added a field in PayPal for people to put their call sign when they are paying their dues.

New Business:

Audit Committee: Committee will be Tim KC1TWR and Rob KB1RS.

For the Good of the Order:

Mrs. KOJEB is close to having a new bundle of joy arrive.

Upcoming Events:

RASON notified us that the 2020 Christmas Party has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

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 19:38.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary