

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club (Draft v2)

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Minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.

The December 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 19:00 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, John Drew WF1C, Josh Burke KOJEB, and Tom WA2RYV.

Secretaries Report: Rob KB1RS made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes of the November meeting, seconded by Jerry K1JMN. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$6,307.13. Monies received \$67.05. Monies expended \$63.80. Ending balance \$6,310.38. 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 checked out the site and found it acceptable. KB1RS has withdrawn from the Field Day Committee due to not being able to attend Field Day 2021.

Program Committee: Bob W1RPQ will give an online virtual meeting presentation on FT-8 in January.

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

ARES Report: November 14th Red Cross EmComm DRILL went well with 1700 Winlink messages received. Locally six of the ten regional Red Cross Shelters sent in Shelter Activity Reports to Tom WA2RYV on the Salem 147.06 repeater.

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.

Ham Boot Camp: No report this meeting.

Audit Committee: Jerry K1JMN will send audit materials to Rob KB1RS.

New Business:

Elections: Jerry K1JMN is stepping down as Treasurer, and a new Treasurer needs to be elected. Rob KB1RS volunteered for the position. Motion made to accept Rob KB1RS as Treasurer. Josh KOJEB moved to accept, seconded by Jerry K1JMN. Motion carried. We welcome Rob KB1RS as the new Treasurer.

For the Good of the Order:

Josh KOJEB and his wife Sylvia are pleased to announce the arrival of Skye Brianna Burke into their household.

Rob KB1RS noted he did Parks on the AIR (POTA) at Pachaug State Forest and made 60 contacts in less than an hour.

Kevin Harkins KA6PDG, sister is not doing well and is not expected to make it past Christmas. Several Hams have offered to take Kevin to see his sister in Colchester and he thanks all of them for offering, and that he has found a ride.

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 is still on hold.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 19:22.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary