

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club (Draft v2)

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Minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.

The March 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), Tim Rodgers KC1TWR (Secretary); Rob Sawyer KB1RS (Treasurer), Josh Burke K0JEB, George Blahun KS1U, Jerry Morales K1JMN, Paul Towne N1ZYB and Chuck Wehner W1FJW.

Secretaries Report: George KS1U made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes of the February meeting, seconded by Bill K1EV. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$6,225.81. Monies received \$9.41. Monies expended \$104.90. Ending balance \$ 6,130.32. Bill K1EV moved to accept, seconded by Jerry K1JMN. Motion carried. As of 3/7/21, the Club membership is: 47 paid members, 6 new members (1 paid and 5 added from recent testing).

Committee Reports:

Antenna Committee: All the equipment is on hand. Waiting for the Covid-19 restrictions to relax to get together and finish the build out of the towers and guidelines.

Field Day committee: (Jerry K1JMN and Tim KC1TWR) Bob W1RPQ waiting on call back if the Camp Oakdale Campground can be used. Waiting on towns position. Bob W1RPQ will send out an email to club members asking who is interested in a Tri-City ARC Field Day.

Program Committee: Bob W1RPQ – March Interactive Training on Zoom – Tuesday, 23 March 2021, 7PM. “Go Kits, what is needed and show us what you have.” Future presentations include Steve Veci NK1V on POTA and Tim KC1TWR on ARES.

Project Committee: Jerry K1JMN completed the build of the 40 M Band Pass Filter. He has given it to Bill K1EV for testing.

Nets:

- **Tips Net (Wed/7PM/W1DX):** Good regular attendees. Last Wednesday 13 attended with four questions being asked. Sessions are recorded by Kevin Harkins KA6PDG and saved at 1700.org/tipsnet
- **Breakfast Roundtable (M-F/8AM/W1DX):** Number of attendees varies, sessions running anywhere from 20 minutes to 1 ½ hours.

- **Wellness Net (M-Sat/1PM/W1DX):** Number of attendees varies, check-ins also via Echolink from Maine and Missouri.

ARES Report: Tim KC1TWR reported there will not be a CT ARES Sunday night Analog and DMR net Sunday April 4, due to Easter. Sunday April 18 there will be an MS Teams meeting instead of the CT ARES analog and DMR nets.

The following events have been scheduled as live events.

- Niantic Bay Triathlon Sunday 8-Aug-21
- Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K Sunday 16-Oct-21
- Mystic Tarzan Brown Run Sunday 7-Nov-21
- Mystic Half Marathon and 10K Sunday 14-Nov-21
- Mystic Turkey Trot (Need Bike Sweep) Thursday 25-Nov-21

Old business:

1: Tri-City ARC Test Sessions: Tri-City ARC Test Session was on Saturday February 13th with good results. Next exam session will be in May.

2: Post Office Box: Rob KB1RS referred to a list of local post office boxes and their costs that were distributed with the treasurer's March report to club members. Decision will be made at the April meeting whether to change Post Office box to a less expensive Post Office location.

New Business:

1: Rob KB1RS started a discussion about when in person meetings might start up again. No decisions sat this time.

For the Good of the Order:

1: Jerry K1JMN announced he will be moving to North Carolina to be near his son and his family.

2: Rob KB1RS has been listening in and working on CW on the RASON N1NW CW training sessions evenings at 7:30 PM.

Upcoming Events:

1: VE Session in May.

2: RASON Arduino presentation is at 8 PM tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:40. (Rob KB1RS/Josh K0JEB). Next meeting will be on April 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary