

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 552, Groton, CT 06340

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

The February 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 19:03 hours. The following members were present: Bob Nazro W1RPQ (President), Bill Birtcher K1EV (VP), Tim Rodgers KC1TWR (Secretary); Rob Sawyer KB1RS (Treasurer), Chip Griffin N1MIE, John Drew WF1C, Paul N1ZYB, and Tom WA2RYV.

Secretaries Report: Rob KB1RS made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes of the December meeting, seconded by Paul N1ZYB. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$6,316.12. Monies received \$38.82. Monies expended \$129.13. Ending balance \$6,225.81. Bill K1EV moved to accept, seconded by Paul N1ZYB. Motion carried.

As of 2/7/21, the Club membership is: 41 paid members, 9 unpaid members have been removed from the membership roster and removed from the GroupsIO distribution. There are 25 members of the GroupsIO group, including 22 of the 41 members for 2021. All paid members were sent an invitation to the GroupsIO email distribution in December. We have 3 people in the GroupsIO group who are not Club members that joined in December or January. All have been sent an invitation to join the club.

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 Oakdale Campground can be used. Waiting on towns position. Rob KB2RS reported on the Zagray Farm Museum site as a potential summer field day site. He noted that there are cranes and open fields for masts and towers, and that RASON is looking at that as a potential site for their Field Day event. Chip N1MIE suggested the club reach out and contact RASON to discuss working together for Field Day.

Program Committee: Bob W1RPQ gave an online virtual meeting presentation on FT-8 Monday January 18th. Future presentations may be on blind hams, ARES, CW, and POTA.

Tips Net, Breakfast Net, and Wellness Net: We continue to have good discussions and have many experienced operators attending on the Tips Net. Also recordings of the Tips Net are available on AM1700.org/Tipsnet. The other nets have various participation which is expected.

ARES Report: Tim KC1TWR found out that the O’Niantic and O’Putnam will be virtual this year with no Ham involvement. The Mystic Half Marathon and 10K will be held Sunday November 14th. Waterford DMR repeater is now reconnected to the statewide DMR network.

Old business:

1: Tri-City ARC VE Test Sessions: Tri-City ARC Test Session will be on Saturday February 13th at the East Great Plain Fire Station in Norwich. Next exam session will be in April.

2: Ham Boot Camp: On hold. Nashua Area Radio Society will have a Ham Boot Camp online which has been announced through the ARES Groups.IO and will be posted on our clubs’ website.

New Business:

1: KB1RS reported that the annual PO Box renewal has been received and is \$146 for 12 months (or \$73 for 6 months). This is an increase from \$118 in 2020 and \$106 in 2019. Paul N1ZYB noted that a year ago RASON dropped their Post Office Box and has the mail going to the club Trustee. Bob W1RPQ is not comfortable having the mail go to an officer’s home address. Tim KC1TWR mentioned that Tom W3TMC emailed that a corporation must have a legal physical address. It may also have a PO Box to use for routine correspondence. The physical address is for the “service of process” - papers telling you are being sued. That can be an attorney, accountant, any of the corporate officers. Motion was made to pay for 6 months while Rob KB1RS investigates alternatives to having a Post Office Box. Motion made by Bill K1EV and seconded by John WF1C to pay the PO box for 6 months. Motion carried.

For the Good of the Order:

1: Frank Hero is moving out of the state to Seattle.

2: David Anderson KC1NLC Mother and Father-in law passed away recently, and his Mother-in-law and his two sisters have been ill. The club secretary will send out a card.

Upcoming Events:

VE Session 13 FEB 2021 at East Great Plain Fire Station, Norwich, CT 09:30 – 11:00

Chip N1MIE and Chuck NA1CN will be giving a presentation on Foxhunting Thursday February 11, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:36. (Tom WA2RYV). Next meeting will be on March 9, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary