

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club (Draft v1)

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Minutes of the June 8, 2021, regular meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.

The June 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 vice-president Bill Birtcher K1EV called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours. The following members were present: Bill Birtcher K1EV (VP), Tim Rodgers KC1TWR, Paul Favolise KC1PIT, Larry Garvin N1LFG, Chuck Wehner W1FJW, John Drew WF1C, Jim Villano KC1PIV, Bob Nazro W1RPQ, Tom Telage KB1MAK, and Rob Sawyer KB1RS (Treasurer).

Secretaries Report: Tim KC1TWR noted he had not made the updates to the April and May meeting minutes. He will get these done and send an email to the club members and post draft to the website.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$ 5,941.15. Monies received \$20.56. Monies expended \$689.03. Ending balance \$ 5272.68.

Committee Reports:

Antenna Committee: Mast set up successfully at W1RPQ farm by Bob, Bill, & Tim.

Field Day committee: (Bob W1RPQ and Tim KC1TWR) Camp Oakdale Town Park Field Day June 26 – 27, 2021. 8 AM Saturday morning to Sunday 4-5 PM. Club will be using the N3FJP Logging software, the club has a registered copy.

Program Committee: Next presentation will be ARES. Looking for volunteers to give presentations.

Project Committee: Tim KC1TWR will check with Jerry K1JMN what his intentions are with the band pass filter he is building for the club as he is moving out of state.

Nets:

- **Tips Net (Wed/7PM/W1DX):** Good regular attendees. Tim KC1TWR reviewed the three sections of the TIPS Net. He also is looking for feedback on if the TIPS Net should be moved to a later time.
- **Breakfast Roundtable (M-F/8AM/W1DX):** Number of attendees is dropping as Covid-19 decreases, discussion led to decision to put on the shelf until needed again.
- **Wellness Net (M-Sat/1PM/W1DX):** Number of attendees also is diminishing. Discussion led to deciding to change the name to the Afternoon Net. Monitor and see if it is still needed.

ARES Report: Tim KC1TWR reported that the next event is the Niantic Bay Triathlon on August 8th. He will be sending out an email looking for volunteers. There are more events in October and November.

Old business:

1: Museum Ships Weekend Event: Bill K1EV reported a lot of fun was had. Four radio stations were used mostly on 20m and 40m. Just over 1,000 contacts were made. Bill also mentioned the chatter with some of the contacts as they would tell their connection with the Nautilus. Tim KC1TWR reported there was good weather, lots of pileups, several new people got a chance to participate on the radios.

2: Club purchases: Josh found the Z100A tuner for Icom 7100. Bob W1RPQ is ordering the carrying case for the ICOM-7100.

3. VE Session: There were some who did not make the exam session due to various reasons. Most people passed their exams. One failed and promised to do better next time.

New Business:

1: In Person Meetings: Bob W1RPQ raised the question if the club should return to in person meetings at the Red Cross Office as we had done in the past. Tom WA2RYV will check with Sue Bolen to verify we can return and any meeting requirements especially for Covid-19. Motion made to return to in person meetings at the Red Cross by Bob W1RPQ, seconded by John WF1C. Motion carried. Discussion was made to also have a Zoom session going, so members can listen only.

For the Good of the Order:

1: Jim KC1PIV offered to help work on and maintain the club's web page.

2. Jim KC1PIV state he picked up an A3 antenna and tower sections from a yard sale Rob KB1RS had mentioned, The tower sections look to be two 8' sections and two 8' poles for on top of that. He is offering them up to anyone in the club that would like it.

Upcoming Events:

1: Rob KB1RS reminded Kids Day for ARRL is coming up the weekend before Field Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:51. (Rob KB1RS/Bob W1RPQ K0JEB). Next meeting will be on July 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary