

# Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

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## **Minutes of the August 10, 2021, regular meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.**

The meeting of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club was conducted at the Red Cross office at 1031 Route 32 Uncasville. There was also a Zoom connection due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic related public health restrictions and some members reluctance to meet face to face currently.

Club President Bob Nazro W1RPQ called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours and called for a round of introductions. The following members were present: Bob Nazro W1RPQ (President), Bill Birtcher K1EV (VP), Tim Rodgers KC1TWR (Secretary), Jim Villano KC1PIV, Dennis Wolter KC1NYB, Tom Scott WA2RYV, Paul Favolise N1ZDK, Richard Kopplin KF6UX, Jerry Tardif NT1O, and Tony Perrone W1CGI. On Zoom was John Drew WF1C and Roddy McComber KA1BSS.

**Secretaries Report:** Tim KC1TWR had not sent out the July minutes, they will be presented at the September meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Starting balance \$5014.19. Monies received \$20.52. Monies expended \$81.90. Ending balance \$4,952.81. KA1BSS membership application was included in the July meeting but not on the July. As of 8/6/21, the Club membership is: 58 paid members. Bill K1EV made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jim KC1PIV. Motion Carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Antenna Committee:** Committee re-established with Bob W1RPQ and Jerry NT1O as members. Goal is to make or buy antennas for the club and to create a antenna plan for 2022 Field Day.

**Field Day committee:** (Bob W1RPQ and Tim KC1TWR) Tim KC1TWR compiled the points and sent out to the club members. Points were not compiled in time to submit to ARRL. 2022 Field Day committee has been formed with Jim KC1PIV, Tim KC1TWR, Bill K1EV, and Bob W1RPQ.

**Program Committee:** Looking for volunteers to give presentations.

**Project Committee:** Jerry K1JMN left CT for his new home in North Carolina.

## **Nets:**

- **Tips Net (Wed/7PM/W1DX):** Three sections. The question and answer/discussion; announcements; and the buy, sell, looking for section. Average attendees' number 6 to 8, sometimes more, sometimes less.
- **Wellness Net (M-Sat/1PM/W1DX):** Ended for now and put on the shelf until needed again. With Delta variant this may start up again.

**ARES Report:** August 8<sup>th</sup> Niantic Bay Triathlon event was a success with 15 ham radio volunteers. Bob W1RPQ noted that Net Control was hard to hear on the Waterford 146.97 repeater. The Mystic 10K is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>. Normally this would also be a half marathon, but that part is being skipped for this year as it is late in the season. Next May the Mystic 10K and Half Marathon will return.

**Volunteer Exams:** Bob W1RPQ will send questionnaire to local VE's to determine which day of the month is best to start holding monthly VE sessions.

### **Old business:**

**1: Club purchases:** Bob W1RPQ will obtain the boxes for the ICOM-7100 Kit and give to Tim KC1TWR who has the devices.

**2: Club Inventory:** Tim KC1TWR reported that Jim KC1PIV worked on the Google Sheets and has the formatting done. Next step to transfer the information from the various text documents into the spreadsheet.

### **New Business:**

**1: Elections:** Nominating Committee formed, and the members are Jim KC1PIV and Dennis KC1NYB. Elections to be held at the September meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the month of October at which time the new officers will be installed, the budget presented, and the dues will be set and due.

**2: Activities:** Bob W1RPQ established a new committee called the Events Committee. This committee will plan club events, and set up dates, for POTA, IOTA, Light House On The Air, etc. This would help new hams to work with experienced members and the club would pay for food at these events. Looking for volunteers for this committee.

**4: Equipment Trustee:** Bob W1RPQ noted that Jim KC1PIV has offered to be the clubs Equipment Trustee. Most equipment such as the club's tent, generator, etc. will be moved to his house. Jim KC1PIV requested the clubs' officers stop by and work with him to do a detailed inventory to get a good baseline. Bob W1RPQ will continue to hold the two towers at his place.

### **For the Good of the Order:**

**1:** Tony Perrone W1CGI, a former member of Tri-City ARC, attended tonight's meeting.

**2:** Tom WA2RYV noted that Red Cross is looking for at least one amateur radio operator for each of the ten regional shelters in eastern Connecticut. Also he reminded us that this is hurricane season and to make sure our batteries are charged.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**1:** Weekly breakfast at Olde Tymes Restaurant in Norwich, 7 AM sharp on Thursdays.

**2:** RASON Picnic August 19 at the East Great Plain Fire House. See RASON.org for details.

**3:** K1EE SK Silent Auction ends August 20. See email from Bob W1RPQ dated Wed, Aug 4, 3:10 PM for details. The email subject line is "[Tricityarc] Tri City ARC August Meeting".

**4:** RASON Auction Saturday October 30, 2021, at the Lady of Lourdes Church in Gales Ferry. See RASON.org for details.

**The meeting was adjourned** at 19:53. (Dennis KC1NYB/Jerry NT1O).

Next meeting will be on September 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, Secretary