

# Tri-City Amateur Radio Club Minutes

November 8, 2016

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM (19:31) by President KC1TWR Tim Rodgers. KC1TWR Tim Rodgers was appointed acting Secretary.

## **II. Attendees**

W1FWE Jim Seaton; KC1TWR Tim Rodgers; WA2RYV Tom Scott; WA1DD Darryl DelGrosso; W1FJW Chuck Wehner; KS1U George Blahun; N1EAT Tina Main. Introductions held.

## **III. Communications**

No communications received.

## **IV. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of October 11, 2016 were read. Unanimously approved.

## **V. Treasurer's Report**

1. Treasurers report was tabled to next meeting. Darryl has October, 2016 statement at home
2. Darryl and Tina still have to find a way to get her on the account or open a new account.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **1. Auction:**

- a) Tina presented numbers from the auction ( Tina to send Secretary a copy of her auction numbers sheet.) **NOTE: Secretary has not yet received report discussion:**
- b) auction went well, it was noted that runners will take requests to bring things up to the front.
- c) discussed getting a credit/debit card machine for next year, that RASON is also looking into one.
- d) discussion about the commission the card machines need.
- e) suggestion was made, if they chose to use a card, then we charge them the extra fee for the commission
- f) If persons leave before their last item is auctioned, what is the process?
  - i) sell and keep?
  - ii) sell and track seller down?
  - iii) issue in the past was people leaving old junk for club to find a way to dispose of.
- g) to be discussed at next meeting.

### **2. Tech Class:**

- a) two more weeks at least; five people attending
- b) next class will be in Ledyard through the Ledyard Parks and Rec.; starting second week in January, Tom WA2RYV as instructor
- c) suggestions: 1) maybe put ad in The Day online; 2) maybe add to the class, video George Main scripted.

### 3. **George Main Video:**

- (a) maybe add to Tri-City web page the video George Main scripted.
- (b) George Main video: "*Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) as Fast As Possible*"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysOq6ywTSzU>

### 4. **Field Day:**

- a) RASON is holding their Field Day at Red Cross at Uncas on the Thames
- b) Field Day is June 24th and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### 5. **Other Event Discussions**

—discussion then talked about other events:

- a) Tom WA2RYV might boat to Flat Iron Island for Island on the Air
- b) Pine Island Base?
- c) Is there a Lighthouse on the Air event?
- d) Make up QSL stations, new call signs for Ledge Light and Avery Point Light houses.

### 6. **Tents:**

- a) Tom WA2RYV recommended Easy-Up Brand, either 10x10 or 12x12, or 10x20
- b) need a plan to secure, spikes in ground is not enough; 2 guy ropes for each corner.
- c) tabled for next meeting

### 7. **Discussion on Purchased Items**

- a) Where to store? Cannot presume we will always have space at Red Cross building.
- b) Where to store tents being considered for purchase

### 8. **TIPS Net:**

- a) Salem Repeater owner has given permission for use on Wednesday evenings
- b) Question was asked, can Salem Repeater be linked to other repeaters?

## VII. ***New Business***

- 1) RASON Auction is scheduled for April 22nd
  - a) Suggestion was made to post notice of auctions in W1SGL MIT web site
- 2) After discussion to raise our auction fee: *a motion was made to raise form \$2 to \$3. Motion was Approved.*
- 3) New member application was discussed and needs more review.
- 4) Discussion on partial dues for new members based on when they join.
- 5) Suggestion that new members get one year free.
- 6, Discussed a need for programs or working sessions.
  - ARRL movies; QRP; Develop what subjects of interest?
- 7. Need a list of all Tri-City members. Suggestion was made to get the reflector list from Tom

## VIII. ***Health & Welfare***

- 1. no report received.

**IX. *Closing of Meeting***

1. Meeting closed at 9:05 PM (21:05). Motion made and passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Wayne Chiapperini; KC1AUM from notes taken by *KCITWR Tim Rodgers*  
Secretary