

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the January 8, 2019 regular meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1932 by club president Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR, at the T4 American Red Cross office, Montville, CT, with six members present.

Secretary's report:

The minutes of the November 2018 meeting were read and approved, subject to correction of typos. As TCARC sponsored the December 2018 Holiday Party, our regular December meeting was canceled.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. See attached.

Old Business:

1. Regarding Website update: Josh, KOJEB has prepared a draft for a new club website, but the draft was misplaced or otherwise lost in cyberspace, so.....Josh will recreate his draft and post it for member comment before the next meeting.
2. Field Day 2019: possible locations were discussed. Waterford, Ledyard, and Salem parks are possibilities ...Others? A decision will be made in February.
3. A general discussion ensued regarding things that make our club meeting more interesting and club operations more attractive to new hams. Possible club projects, operating events and meeting night presentations were discussed. Other operating events were brainstormed. Our current calendar of proposed events includes: Museum Ships on the Air in early June, Field Day in late June, possible Sandy Point operation in late July, possible Light Houses on the Air on August 17/18, and the Groton Family Day in October. Organizing a "Shortwave Answer Team" (SWAT) to try to answer some of the radio questions that members have was also suggested.

It was also pointed out that, due to regular calendar items, we would only need 6-7 meeting night programs to fill out the year's schedule.

In response to this discussion, Josh, KOJEB volunteered to prepare a presentation for the February meeting on the subject of Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) technology.

4. The Technician class at Gales Ferry is under way with 4 students. The class should end in early March with a VE exam which will be open to all. Members are encouraged to stop by the class to meet the students and to possibly establish mentoring relationships.

New Business:

1. Is there interest in/demand for a General Class?
2. The club needs a new site to host its club website as the current host cannot accommodate the features that are included in the new design. Bluehost, 99Main and Wordpress.com were suggested. Others? A Motion was made and seconded (KC1TWR/WA2RYV) and approved unanimously to allocate \$100. for one year of host site subscription at a new site (TBD).
3. It is time for the annual audit of the Treasurer's records. Volunteer auditors were solicited. Tim KC1TWR will conduct the audit and report his findings at the February meeting.
4. The Tri-City sponsored TIPS net is meeting weekly at 7pm on the 147.06 repeater. The net has had some interesting discussions. Kevin, KA6PDG is recording each session, should anyone need to follow up on a particular topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Scott, WA2RYV

Secretary

FEBRUARY PRESENTATION: Josh, KOJEB, on the subject of DMR