

TRINITY COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: TC Office of Education: 201 Memorial Dr., Weaverville

Date: 11/14/2024 Time: 1830 hours

Call to Order:

- I. Introductions: Philip Simi, Steve Fritch, Rick Klindworth, Karl Fisher, Todd Corbett, Dan Ried, Mike Cottone, Jiia Meredith, Randall Meredith, Travis Fitch, Harry Stortz.**
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved (remove this item)**
- III. Approval of the minutes of the 09/12/2024 meeting. Approved**
- IV. Reports:**
 - a. Financial: Treasurer Jiia \$987.00, Tri Counties bank to welcome Jiia to set up online banking and transfer funds from Umpqua bank. Secretary of State charged \$20.00, Tri Counties wanted \$100. To open account. Jiia covered the costs, TCARC will reimburse the \$100 and the \$20 was a donation. Steve F. and Philip S. added as signers on the new Tri-Counties bank account.**
 - b. Membership, communications, etc.: Secretary Philip- No new members**
 - c. ARES: ARES EC: Karl- Happy that Mike is working toward ARES EC.**
 - d. FG Stations and repeaters: Karl/Travis- Working w/ Peter on Post Mt station, emailed him to get station installed. Eric and Rick working on Trinity Center station. Mike to work with Karl in s. Trinity for a station. School or Community center in Mad River may be an option. Karl working on a binder with info for all stations and contacts to each location. Rather use Fire stations than schools due to issues w/ contacts. Need secure fastener for stations. Have to use a battery and solar panel for the Post Mt station. Travis- Ironside repeater, asked USFS to install wildfire cameras, may need permission to add the repeater, will update later. Need to focus on getting stations installed before we start other projects. Remote areas first? Shelter locations or near these locations. Only a handful of locations are used for sheltering, and do we have someone to run a station. Down river has licensed hams to run a station, we should give them a radio.**
 - e. Hyampom FG station: Jiia- Went to Hyampom CC to check station, can hear BC, but cannot tx. Used HT and was able to tx. but not well. Can reprogram with Karls's laptop and cable. Swap radio out in Hyampom, Karl to give to Jiia. Elementary school has a generator, CC doesn't, can we move the station to the school? Also has internet which allows Jiia to use her cell phone making it easier for operations and to call other members if she needs help with set up or status checks, etc. Club agrees, Jiia to move.**

f. 501c3 requirements: Jiia- Club must have 1 board meeting a year, need to create minutes for this to meet requirements. Suggestion to have meeting when new officers takeover in July.

g. Bylaws: Travis- Karl wants to put the Bylaws on the website, Travis paid \$275.00 as a donation for filing the 501c7. Travis as contact, paperwork will come to TCARC P.O. Box.

V. Old Business:

a. Website, triniythams.com: Dan/Karl- Karl working w/ Philip and Dan on posting the minutes on the website. Dan to train Philip. Also w/ Mike for Net log on the website. Helps to see if someone is having issues getting into a repeater, and keeps an info log for the future. Dan not a fan, wants to know the value of this information on the site. Open to ideas, Karl has a spreadsheet on net log and attendees to the weekly net. Steve recommends person putting in info to the website if they are net control. Not a lot of interest amongst the club. Recommend keeping the site simple. Need more people to do the net first.

b. Practice Exercise: Todd /Karl- Tabled for now.

c. Next monthly Net Control. Group- Mike to take the net w/ Karl and Steve as back-up.

d. NRSN Post Mt: Philip- Equipment has been purchased, Philip will be point of contact with the Hmong community. Need to get w/ Blong to review flyer on the GMRS system, and move toward installation. Steve F- Projects are not getting completed, need one POC for these projects. Need a better way to track progress on report-outs and get these projects completed. Steve posted a video on Winlink to the club, would like to see more use on this system. Could use Redding Amateur Clubs equipment if we want to.

VI. New Business:

a. NRSN repeater on Oregon Mt. Travis/Steve- Travis will get the meter # to Karl. Want to get our own pole for other equipment. Karl to talk to TPUD

b. NRSN Net Control future: Group -Table for now.

c. Discussion: Repeater Picket Peak: Travis- No room where Travis was planning to put it, should go into the radio portion. General services may make the decision, Philip to contact Mike at General services. Travis thinks there is room on the rack.

d. FG stations install Trinity Center: Karl- See above.

e. Establish a TC-ARES Winlink NET: Karl/Steve- Valuable, need to do a presentation at a future meeting.

f. Disaster Preparedness presentation: Karl- No time, move to next month.

VII. Comments and Announcements: Need a fifth member at large for our board. Todd C is the member.

VIII. Dan- Meshtastic, Dan/Mike will do a presentation on this at a future meeting. Simplex net on Wed. night 146.520

IX. Adjournment: 2030

Next Meeting: 12/12/2024

To join via the Zoom app:

NEW ZOOM LINK

Meeting ID: 823 6134 8035

Passcode: 725294 browser:

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