

TARC Minutes 20251013

Members introduced themselves with callsign and name. Members present were as follows:

KO4IWH, KQ4HJL, AA1AL, KC5NMB, KE4USL, K4MJW, N4ECP, K4DOT, KQ4PYW, N1SCS, WQ1H, AG4H, AC4RW, KN4UOC, KN4VZR, KG4MPU, KM4UGI

N1SCS gave an overview of new licensing and upgrade testing in light of the current government shutdown

AC4RW gave financial report with current balance.

KG4MPU gave a repeater status report. The power amplifier on the 146.820 repeater is dead and needs to be replaced. Repair is estimated at \$2400 at a minimum while a new one from Bridgecom would be approximately \$1800. AG4H made a motion to do the purchase of new amp, WQ1H seconded, motion passed.

KG4MPU proposed that TARC purchase his UHF repeater plus the DMR add-ons for \$800, as opposed to purchasing a brand new repeater, which would cost upwards of \$2500. KC4NMB made a motion that we do so, and KQ4PYW seconded. Motion passed. As an aside, AG4H made a motion to do these two purchases in such a way to leave \$500 available in the repeater fund, with the remainder to come from general fund. KM4UGI seconded. Motion passed.

AA1AL gave a net status report. Mention was made of proper way to handle a known-unlicensed individual on the radio (do not interact at all after you know the person is unlicensed – aside from it being a bad idea, it is also a violation of part 97 rules).

KN4VZR gave a heads-up on upcoming events related to amateur radio (local events, contests, etcetera). More on local events later in the minutes.

TARC Fall Fields Ops date is slated for the weekend of October 25th at Stan's place in Samantha. Setup will be around 0900. Everyone is encouraged to come out for at least a little while.

KN4VZR sent out a message to all members via WinLink email and advised everyone to check that if able. He also mentioned that if any members would like to participate but need assistance to let him know.

AG4H gave a brief overview of the 501c3 organization guidelines. Context is regarding potential additions to bylaws to create a dissolution process for funds and property. Much discussion ensued with concerns about who controls funds and property and such. KN4VZR moved to table the discussion until next week, AA1AL seconded. Motion passed.

KN4VZR opened the floor for 2026 Officer nominations. The floor will remain open until the November meeting.

WQ1H nominated KN4VZR for President.

AC4RW nominated AG4H for Vice President.

WQ1H and N1SCS nominated AC4RW for Secretary/Treasurer.

Again, nominations are still open until the next meeting.

Next meeting is November 10th, same time and same place as usual.

AC4RW plans to do a DMR overview.