

Trinity County Amateur Radio Club (TCARC)
Quarterly Board Meeting
Monthly Membership Meeting
January 8, 2026 18:30

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 18:35.

2. Roll Call / Attendance

Members present:

- Shuddahasatwa
- Steve
- Rick
- Harry
- Philip
- Mike
- Dan
- Marc (via Zoom)

3. Officer & Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – Jiia

- No report provided.

Secretary's Report – Mike

- Membership: No new membership applications received.
- Incoming Correspondence: None.

ARES Report – Karl, ARES EC

- No update.

4. New Business

Board Position – Treasurer

- Jiia announced that she is unable to continue serving as Treasurer and formally resigned from the position. Steve and Karl (by proxy) nominated Dan to fill the vacant Treasurer position. A vote was held and Dan was elected Treasurer by unanimous vote, with Karl voting by proxy through Steve.

5. Presentation / Discussion

Antenna Presentation – Steve

- Steve presented a variety of antennas and discussed the importance of antenna selection and design in radio operations.
- It was noted that with an effective antenna, HF communications can reach worldwide distances with as little as 20 watts.
- Discussion topics included:
 - Toroids:
 - Use of 16-gauge wire
 - Type 43 mix toroids
 - Use of inline chokes to mitigate RF issues
 - Explanation that toroids are sized and selected based on mix
 - Random Wire Antennas:
 - Advantages of using a random wire antenna with a transformer
- The group also discussed the NanoVNA and other antenna analyzers as useful tools for antenna tuning and analysis.

6. Old Business

TCARCHams.com Website

- Steve volunteered to pay the domain transfer/hosting fee to QTH. He will provide a receipt for reimbursement or records.

7. Upcoming Events

- Winter Field Day: January 24, 2026

8. Net Control Assignments

- Next Month's Net Control: Rick and Harry

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15.

Minutes submitted by:
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Secretary, TCARC