

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 12, 2024
@ 6:30 PM

At Venice Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34285
(Sale of 50-50 tickets)

Note, Elmer assistance from 6- 6:30 pm for information and mentoring of interested ham radio operators. So we can be better prepared, tell us what you need help with; askelmer@tamiamiarc.org

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Flag Salute*

INTRODUCTIONS:

Visitors - Do we have any visitors tonight? Mike L. and his friend Mike introduced themselves.

New members - Do we have any new members? Matt Campbell KQ4RGA joined club in April and just upgraded to General at VE session on June 9th. Congratulations and round of applause for Matt.

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR:

- Motion to approve May 6th, 2024 meeting minutes as published on the website K1YOU/W1ICU – approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Paul KN4BAR is monitoring the club's secretary@tamiamiarc.org email address and reviewing postal mail received. There was no correspondence of significance last month. Steve NS4P visited with former secretary ART K4NUM earlier this week. Art and his wife are in good spirits and Art has started immunotherapy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob McAlister KN4RKE.

- Bob has a new format for the Treasurer's Report. The board of directors has endorsed the new format. A verbal report will be made at club meetings and the written report will be available for review by club members in good standing on request to treasurer@tamiamiarc.org. Summary Report as of 5/31/24:
Checking 4383.56 PayPal 2441.44 Money Market 21198.40
Major expenses in May: \$1000 for Fellowship Hall annual use and \$1000 donation toward cost for Audio/Visual upgrades in Fellowship Hall
- The club's liability insurance was updated with an ARRL endorsed vendor for \$200. Our equipment loss insurer notified the club that they are going out of business and will not be renewing our policy. Bob will be updating the club's equipment list (items with values greater than \$600) and he will sign us up for an ARRL endorsed plan at the rate of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of value.
- Steve NS4P asked about a \$400 donation he received from the Megalodon race organizers for our club support of their race in March. Steve gave a check to Paul KN4BAR and Paul stated he gave the check to Bob KN4RKE at the last meeting. Bob had no recollection of that and there was no record of a deposit being made. All agreed to look for the check.

- *[NOTE: Paul KN4BAR found the check on 6/13/24 in his briefcase, members were notified by Groups.io that the check had been found, and it was deposited to club's checking account on 6/13/24.]*
- Motion to accept treasurer's report by W2XYZ/N4ZM and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE; Shaun Helgesen, KO4YAX is absent for the summer but he continues to receive and publish via Groups.io members with medical conditions or other needs. In addition to Art's K4NUM status, Paul KN4BAR informed everyone that Jack's W1JJR wife became seriously ill over the weekend. Steve KN4NFX told members they could reach out to him with any sunshine reports during Shaun's absence.

VE TESTING; Steve Phillips, NS4P. 8 candidates tested on June 8th; 6 new Technicians and 2 upgrades to General. One club member upgraded leaving only 2 upgrade offers to be claimed. Paul KN4BAR will lead VE testing on July 13th (last date to get upgrade incentive) and August 10th during Steve's extended vacation absence this summer.

LIAISON TO QCWA; Al Culbert, K0AL. Official meetings suspended for the summer but some members continue to meet informally on the 1st Monday of the month at Buffet City in shopping center at Bee Ridge and Macintosh in Sarasota at 11 am.

REPEATER / TECHNICAL; Frank Wroblewski W2XYZ. Everything is working. New 2m antenna scheduled for installation sometime next week. Paul KN4BAR asked members interested in observing to email him and he will let you know date and time when it is known. Frank reviewed the many long standing club nets and he mentioned the newest net; a "Traders Net" hosted by Tom KE4RXM every Tuesday at 8 pm on the 146.805 repeater.

REMOTE STATION UPDATE; Tom Shrilla, W8QJ was absent.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT; Dwight Sullivan KT4DDS was absent. Paul KN4BAR stated that Dwight was out of town on a long family vacation but that he had been busy promoting our field day event before leaving and even while traveling. Paul asked for club members to help fill in as greeters and public relations representatives during field day. The sign up sheet has places for this.

MEMBERSHIP; Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR. Paul stated that Jack W1JJR had resigned from his membership coordinator role due to the sudden and serious illness of his wife. For the time being, Paul KN4BAR will resume responsibility for this role. Club membership stands at 167 members comprised of 147 regular members, 4 associate members, 3 first, year members, and 13 life members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our new 2m repeater antenna has been received and a tower climber is scheduled for next week to install it. Anyone interested in watching/helping can contact Paul KN4BAR.

Meeting minutes will now be emailed to club members and posted to our club website after they have been approved by the board. Usually the week after the meeting. Minutes will not be published in the newsletter anymore.

We could use a satellite station for Field Day. Are there any other club members that would like to give this a tryit is worth some bonus points if we can do it! Contact Tom KE4RXM if interested..

After Meeting Speakers. We need some. Many of us have long and successful careers in business, industry, and amateur radio; why not share a story or two with the club membership? Steve KN4NFX

Thanks to Mark KQ4EKK for bring this to our attention:

SENATE BILL S.3690

Senate Bill S.3690; To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the application of certain private land use restrictions to amateur station antennas, and for other purposes.

This bipartisan bill has been introduced and currently sits in the Commerce Committee. The full text of the bill can be found at this link, S.3690.

Please contact our Senators to ask them to support this bill by signing on as co-sponsors and helping to get it out of committee. Send an email to explain why this is important in a state like Florida, giving examples of emergency communication such as ARES, CERT, storm spotting, and hurricane response.

Our Senators are [Rick Scott](#) and [Marco Rubio](#). Click on the names to follow the links.

A similar bill is in the House, H.R.4006. Here is a link. [CLICK HERE](#). Contact your Congressperson to request their support.

Jim KJ4NDO introduced himself as the safety officer for our field day event and referred everyone to the current issue of QST that has a great informaton on field day safety.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Repeater site 2m antenna update, Steve NS4P. Paul KN4BAR will coordinate with the climber in Steve's 2 month vacation absence.
2. License upgrade incentive program progress: Steve NS4P. 8 upgrades have been awarded to date. The incentive offer expires with the July 13th VE session. Don't let this offer go to waste! We have 2 \$50 DxEngineering gift cards remaining and you get your 2025 dues paid if you upgrade your license.
3. ARRL Field Day is June 22-23. Tom KE4RXM, Richard KK4AHZ. Tom passed around the signup sheet for set up, operating and tear down. This year Tom, Richard and a select crew of helpers will bring all the equipment to the USCG Aux station on Harbor Dr. S. in Venice on Friday morning. Right after breakfast at Perkins on Friday morning everyone else will head to the field day sight to help set up. Things should get rolling right around 10:30 am starting with a safety briefing from Jim KJ4NDO.
4. North Port repeater, 147.120 MHz. Paul KN4BAR informed the membership that it now looks like the radio station antenna and studio will not be relocated to Downtown Wellen Park as previously mentioned. A possible move further East is now being contemplated to somewhere on Chamberlain Blvd. Not good news for us; but then we pay nothing for the tower and station space for this repeater that we inherited from the former North Port ARC when they disbanded last year. Very fluid situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Randy Aitken KO4PVI nomination for Secretary for remainder of 2024 term. Membership vote required to elect. Paul KN4BAR placed Randy's name in nomination with the board of directors approval and asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the club voted Randy as club Secretary by acclamation.
2. Board recommends we take our traditional summer break with no meetings in July or August. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Vote was one nay and the rest yea: motion approved.

Comments: Paul - Are there any comments from the floor? There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Attendance: Number of members:44 Number of guests: 2

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at VPC @ 6:30 pm

Post meeting program: Field Day! Richard KE4RKE, Paul KN4BAR

- Please watch at your convenience, basic IC-7300 operation
<https://youtu.be/45dvjiKQKTY?si=lzJ7dK1RtR3ifE2P>
- Please watch this N1MM logging video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyqm7tab-wl>

NO CLUB MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST; SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

Respectfully submitted, Paul KN4BAR, president