

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, January 8, 2022

The meeting was held via video conference. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. All Officers and Board members were present.

Officers:

Steve Phillips, NS4P, President  
Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, Vice President  
Gary Youngberg W8SKI, Recording Secretary  
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer

Board of Directors:

Tom Babcock, KN4ONE	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF
Peter Boers, KV4LR	Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS
Patti Phillips, N4IGI	San Yoder, K3SY
Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO	John Zenner, N3PQD

Guest: Chester Fennell – KG4IYS

Summary of topics discussed:

1. Holiday Party – Jim, KJ4NDO, reported that 44 members, partners and friends attended. The consensus was that the party was a success. Discussion took place on possible entertainment for future parties.
2. AREDN – Paul, KN4BAR, reported that the three 2.4GHz sector antennas are now working our site. The system is operating as an “Island Node” on the mesh via Internet tunnel. Discussion took place on finding a suitable tower climber and strategy for efficiently aiming the 5GHz link. We will wait for the 5GHz antenna to be installed at SMH Laurel before we put up our 5 GHz antenna so we can install and aim the antenna at the same time. Steve, NS4P, and Frank, W2XYZ, will work to move the AREDN equipment to a battery backup system. Paul and others will work to put together a portable AREDN node to enable the club to set up a link in temporary locations and test performance at member’s QTH.
3. Winter Field Day - Frank stated WFD will take place from home QTH’s instead of USCG site with individual scores aggregated for a club score. Explanation to be placed on our website. It is noted that WFD has eliminated the “High Power” category – all operations are “Low Power” (100W) or QRP (5W CW, 10W Peak phone/digi).
4. Bus to Hamcation – Frank reports that Hamcation is still on. Pay Pal instructions to be emailed for payment of reservation / ride via TARC Website.
5. Jerry Spears Memorial Donation - The club in in search for an amplifier and automatic antenna tuner, with proceeds from Jerry’s donation, seeking ALS 600

(solid state). Steve continues to search hamfests and follow leads looking for a suitable unit.

6. 3Y0J Bouvet Island DXpedition – 3Y0J is a highly sought DX contact seeking donations for their DXpedition. Steve will prepare information for the membership about a possible club donation.
7. 2022 Budget – Frank and Paul reviewed performance vs plan for 2021 and noted that we did quite well. A proposed budget for 2022 along with actual numbers for 2021 was presented to the Board. Noting that the 2021 numbers needed to be revised slightly to account for dues received in December, the BOD by unanimous voice vote to present the proposed 2022 Budget to the membership for approval.
8. Financial Audit – Frank reported that the books have been closed out for 2021. Due to special circumstances, Peter, KV4LR, reported there will be a short delay in completing the audit, but it is expected to be completed in 1Q 2022.
9. Repeater Maintenance Committee Update – Steve reports no changes in repeater systems. The Board discussed the occasional audio drops on EchoLink likely due to VOX sensing of occasional low audio level. EchoLink was last updated about one month ago. Steve and Frank will investigate alternatives to the Signalink. Steve will contact Jon regarding the AC in the equipment room.
10. Remote Club Station Update – Tom, W8QJF, reported that HF station is operating well and is getting regular use. Discussion on HF antenna assembly and install, noting space needed for assembly of large antenna.
11. VE Testing – Steve reported that TARC alone is hosting regular monthly testing between Naples and Tampa. Last testing session resulted in passing 3 General and 5 Tech's. Mentioned surplus collections from fees are totaled and donated to the Sarasota County Library System. Explained testing documents are scanned and uploaded to ARRL, papers physically mailed to same.
12. Shark's Tooth 10K Races – Steve said per Karen, Event Coordinator, the races will be held at Rothenbach Park on March 5 & 6 due to somewhat lower sign-ups and reduced complexity. Steve will manage event planning for Ham Radio support and permission of SRQ repeater use.
13. Discussion of Virtual Club Meeting (ZOOM) for Wednesday Jan. 12 Considering the recent pandemic developments, discussion took place on changing to virtual meeting using Zoom. By unanimous BOD voice vote, the meeting on the above date will be held via Zoom.
14. Other mentions made – Dwight, KT4DDS, explained that he is a notary public and is willing to assist the Club with this service. San, K3SY, mentioned management of Club Membership Cards.

15. Next BOD Meeting - The next BOD meeting will be on February 5, 2022 at 1:00 PM. If a club member is interested in attending, please email [secretary@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:secretary@tamiamiarc.org) and Gary, W8SKI, will send you the meeting information.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM.

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Recording Secretary