

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, May 7, 2022, 1 PM (via Zoom)

BOD Meeting Minutes Beginning time of meeting, 1:01 PM

Officers:

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

Directors:

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

Discussed Topics:

1. Public storage rental space for TARC items and equipment – Frank
Discussion took place on considering purchase and placement of a shed, possibly of a ground lease, air conditioning necessary for some items stored. No storage room is available in the radio room at the repeater site, but Steve will talk to Jon about the possibility of putting a storage shed somewhere on the property. Minimum 10 X 10 space needed. Dues need to be increased if rental becomes a cost, is not in the current budget.
2. Local Festival Events (see attached Festival Report from Dwight) – Steve
From list of events, best ones are Hurricane Expo (2023) and Chalk Festival.
Discussed possibility of negotiation of rates for TARC based on our non-profit/public service status.
3. Revisit ARRL Foundation Grant - Paul
Attended a recent webinar and realized some policy changes, EmComm possible with stipulations. Maximum grant is \$25K, \$3-5K typical. TARC is eligible to apply, second cycle is due in September. Possible ideas include mentoring program or backup of electric power for repeater site.
4. AREDN – Paul
New antennas are installed on tower, acceptable connectivity with sites at the hospitals with good signal availability. Will make AREDN report included with report on repeaters,
5. Jerry Spears Memorial Donation – Frank
Expects to purchase auto tuner at Hamvention at Xenia.

6. Training / Mentoring of New Hams – Paul
Mentoring to take place at 6:00 PM before membership meetings. Peter will be reaching new hams by email with guidance and helps. Drafted a new informational form for new members online. Noted that not all testing candidates are locally here.
7. Public Information Officer update – San
San informed that Dwight Sullivan accepted the role of Public Information Officer; he has been PIO for other organizations.
8. 2022 Budget – Frank
Presented the budget spreadsheet, reviewed its highlights, and discussed our spending and funding shortcomings. No corrective actions are necessary at this time.
9. Repeater Maintenance Committee Update – Steve
Gave information that new air conditioner is now working at repeater site, and that temp and humidity can be remotely viewed online. Discussion on a planned date for assembly and installation of replacement antenna.
10. Remote Club Station Update - Tom S. & Frank
No issues to report.
11. VE Testing – Steve
Five testing candidates are scheduled. The FCC is not currently processing new licenses as it works to resolve problems with the electronic submittal system.
- 13 Distribution of The Communicator - San
San mentioned several emails while sending The Communicator were returned by server error, and discussion on other methods to email The Communicator in the future.

The meeting concluded at 2:32 PM.

Next BOD meeting - Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 1:00 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Youngberg, W8SKI
Recording Secretary