

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, June 4, 2022, 1 PM (via Zoom)

BOD Meeting Minutes

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 - absent	Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS
Patti Phillips, N4IGI	San Yoder, K3SY
Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO - absent	John Zenner, N3PQD - absent

Topics:

1. Public storage rental space, Followup – Frank
Discussions took place, mentioning considering request to local Diocese via Andy, KB1HIP, on storage of some ham gear at church location, also possible approach to City of Venice facility. Also discussed obtaining and set up of storage shed at repeater site at Englewood. This item to be placed on agenda of the upcoming Membership Meeting.

2. Review of Events for Exhibit and next steps—Dwight
Documents and research of possible community events involving TARC was nicely prepared by Dwight. Mentioned Sun Fiesta in Venice during October and Big Truck event in Sarasota, April 2023. Will consider joining Venice Main Street, \$125 / yr., good public exposure likely. Decision on this item is tabled until September meetings.

Will check date for Florida QSO in 2023. Also discussion on an overnight event for K4S at the North Jetties.

3. Field Day Publicity / Public information—Dwight
Gondolier newspaper showed best interest in featuring Field Day. Public Service Announcements sent to radio stations in Venice, Englewood, and Sarasota.

4. Discuss Field Day plans—Frank
Mentioned that Dwight's PIO information is helpful. The USCG site at Venice is reserved for Field Day event, Captain Bob's RV is available. Will have 3 stations and antennas, maximum power is 100 W. Paul, KN4BAR will assist in tracking QSO points for the event. Two generators will be on site.

Informed that the new antenna tuner will ship on June 3rd.

5. Outreach to New Management at Shorepoint Hospital at Venice-- Paul
A discussion took place on reaching out to the management of Shorepoint, which recently took over the local hospital, on possible site / tower usage by TARC, as such as been done with other hospitals in the locality. BOD consensus favors reaching Shorepoint as to the possibilities.

6. Maintenance of email distribution list—San
San, K3SY maintains TARC's email distribution list, somewhat time consuming. Discussion took place suggesting use of the Groups IO list for newsletter distribution. Would be helpful if all TARC members would subscribe to the Club's Group IO. Also mentioned that The Communicator could be downloaded from the TARC site. It may be necessary to split the club email list into three files so

that the newsletter can be emailed without restriction.

7. Contribution to VPC for first meetings in fellowship hall—San
Mentioned that the Club would like to contribute \$25.00 for each use of the Fellowship Hall. The BOD agreed to this by consensus. The yearly use of the room is \$200.00 for the 10 months of the year the Club meets and will be paid to Venice Presbyterian shortly.

8. Discussion of Diversity—by Patti

Discussion took place of reaching school age students on promoting Ham Radio, the best age range appears to be 6th thru 8th grade (middle school). Two charter schools were mentioned, SLA and SKY in Venice as possibles.

Mentioned history of Ham Radio, i.e. the Titanic disaster, and overall history of radio, followed by TV transmissions and their development. Also mentioned international social aspects of international communications. Also in the discussions on women's involvement with Ham Radio.

9. Jerry Spears Donation result from Xenia Hamfest—Frank

Informed that an LDG AT1000 Pro II auto tuner was purchased at Xenia Hamvention from DX Engineering by Frank for \$489.00 (no tax). It should be arriving next week.

10. 2022 Budget – Frank

Some apparent shortfall in May, not significant.

11. Repeater Maintenance Committee Update – Steve

One AREDN node was out of service, re-flashed its firmware. Otherwise, repeaters and DMR working

12. Remote Club Station Update – Tom S. & Frank

Report of RF was leaking into the USB port, suggested cure was using USB cables with ferrite choke to attenuate RF leakage. A recent user of the Remote Stn made a \$40.00 donation in appreciation for its use and care.

13. Summer Recess - Steve

The Board agreed to suspend board meetings during July and August due to vacations. Club members will vote at the next meeting regarding summer club meetings.

14. Holiday Party

Patti, N4IGI, volunteered to plan the 2022 Holiday Party in December. Discussion took place as to the place, the Left Coast Seafood was generally favored. San, K3SY will be out of town, an alternate person is needed for the Nominating Committee for 2023 officers and directors.

The meeting concluded at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Youngberg
W8SKI
Recording Secretary

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 1:00 PM via Zoom