

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, September 10, 2022, 1 PM (via Zoom)

**BOD Minutes**

**Officers:**

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

**Directors:**

Tom Babcock, K7ONE	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF - absent
Peter Boers, KV4LR - absent	Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS
Patti Phillips, N4IGI	San Yoder, K3SY - absent
Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO - absent	John Zenner, N3PQD

**Topics:**

1. Public storage rental space follow-up – Frank  
Discussions took place on offsite storage for TARC property now stored at several member's residences. The items include the tent, folding furniture, antennas and portable masts, cabling, etc. Not included are radios, tuners, or any other electronics, due to need of temperature / humidity-controlled environments. Some consideration has been discussed on a possible shed or very small building at the repeater site. Steve agreed to look into the cost of small sheds and associated site prep.
2. 2023 Budget Workshop – Paul  
Workshop is scheduled for September 29 at 1pm and announcement will be made at club meeting. Plan is to have budget ready for vote at November meeting.
3. Shorepoint Hospital update - Paul  
This item is tabled due to closure of Shorepoint Hospital.
4. Field Day follow-up - Frank  
Planning and operation of event was good. Management of antennas went well. Dwight provided information on Field Day to Gondolier newspaper for promotion of the event. Propagation was fair due to solar activity.
5. PIO ideas - Dwight  
Dwight took course on PIO concepts, studied the ARRL job description for PIO's, mentioned idea of inviting long term members to events for their guidance / input.
6. New Member Section – Paul  
A New Members Welcome section will be inserted into The Communicator indicating who the new club members are.
7. Area Hamfests – Paul  
Marci (Manatee Amateur Radio Club Inc) Fest 2022 is on Oct. 15 8 am to 1 pm. SERC (Sarasota Emergency Radio Club) Hamfest is on Nov. 5 8 am to 1 pm.
8. ARRL Foundation Grants – Paul  
Deadline for application of this grant is 11/4/2022, maximum amount of this grant is \$25,000. Discussion took place as to feasibility and application criteria in relation to actual project by the Club. Further discussion will be necessary.

9. QRP Rig and Antenna Expo – Tom Babcock  
Scheduled for Saturday Nov. 12 at the USCG station site.
10. Holiday Party - Patti  
The BOD accepted the proposal Left Coast Seafood Co. as the venue for the TARC Holiday Party on Thursday, December 8. Social hour begins at 6:00 and dinner starts at 7:00. Dinner consists of house salad, choice of entrée, small desserts, and non-alcoholic beverage. Entrée choices include: Prime Rib (with an upcharge due to beef prices), Salmon Rockefeller, Left Coast Chicken, or Vegetable Stir-fry. If there are a large number attending, a buffet serving could be done. Like last year, those attending will have to pre-order and pre-pay prior to the event.
11. Ham Radio for Youth – Patti  
Per ARRL resources, middle school age is the best age range where interest in Ham Radio takes place for children. Student scholarships are available and hands-on training of teachers / educators at ARRL's location. Patti will be receiving literature from the ARRL.  
  
The Sarasota County charter school was mentioned, "Student Leadership Academy" (SLA) as a possible project. SLA covers grades are 6 through 8. Gary will provide basic information and contacts regarding the SLA.  
  
National Science Day was mentioned as a possible related opportunity.
12. 2022 Budget – Frank  
Discussion took place on inflows (dues) and overall expenses, and comparing the two totals. After calculations, it seemed that a shortfall of \$1,700.00 was estimated for the fiscal year. After discussions, it was the consensus of the Board to increase the annual dues by five dollars, raising the annual membership fee for individuals, to \$25.00 and family membership to \$35.00.
13. Repeater Maintenance Committee Update – Steve  
Steve and Frank briefed the BOD on the recent Echolink outage. Probably caused by a Windows update. In corrected the issue further adjustments were made to improve Echolink performance with good results. Otherwise, both repeaters are operating nominally.
14. V. E. Testing – Steve  
Earlier this day, 10 candidates were tested, with all passing. Seven passed their Tech license, 3 passed General. One took both Tech and General. Three of the candidates applied for TARC membership.
15. Election Committee – Steve  
An election committee will be formed for the 2023 officers and directors. Nominations.
16. Frank, W2XYZ will check about charter bus service for Orlando Hamfest, transportation, January 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Youngberg, W8SKI

Recording Secretary

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

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Sunday, September 11, 2022

Supplemental Discussion by means of Email, Decision and Making of Motion by the TARC Board Of Directors.

A discussion took place and a suggestion was made by San, K3SY, that Jon Cole, KO4ODO will receive a Life Membership from the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club, (in place of the current Complimentary Member status).

It is recognized that Jon Cole has for years furnished TARC with tower space for TARC's Antennas, electric power for repeater operations as well as space for TARC's equipment in the transmitter building.

San Yoder K3SY, was the proponent for this suggestion and shared this with Paul, KN4BAR and Steve, NS4P and a motion was created via email to the BOD.

The Motion was for the BOD to recommend Jon Cole, KO4ODO for a Lifetime Membership to TARC, such Motion to be made during the Membership meeting on Wednesday evening, September 14, and call for vote.

The result of the email Motion to the twelve BOD members; there were ten responses, all were Aye, passing to have the Membership vote to act on this request. This was completed on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 2:51 pm.

Therefore, the item is placed on the Agenda for vote by the Membership.

Respectfully,

Gary Youngberg, W8SKI

Recording Secretary