

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, October 8, 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, K7ONE	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF -absent
Peter Boers, KV4LR - absent	Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS
Patti Phillips, N4IGI	San Yoder, K3SY
Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO	John Zenner, N3PQD - absent

Topics:

1. October Club Meeting – Steve
Some discussion took place on meeting at the USCG due to water damage at the VPC Fellowship. The decision by consensus of the BOD was to cancel the Membership Meeting.
2. Missing Equipment – Steve
A break-in to the radio room resulted in the theft of the EchoLink computer (laptop), router, extension cord for the generator, and the webcam. The theft was reported to the Sheriff's Department and a claim was opened with the club's insurance company. Steve and Tom Porada installed additional structure to deter future break-ins.
3. AREDN Use – Paul
AREDN system is not yet designated for emergency use at this time. Appeared to be semi operational until loss of internet support, as there was only one gateway to the internet. Paul will check do an evaluation of the system and recommend any needed repairs.
4. Winter Field Day – Frank
WFD will take place January 28, 29 2023 at the USCGA.A. This will be an excellent event to try out various antennas including a 160M long wire.
5. Public storage rental space – Steve
The club is still seeking reasonable or no- cost storage for Club property. Storage is needed for tents, display figures, antennas and supplies not including radios or other electronics.
6. 2023 Budget Workshop – Paul
Due to Hurricane Ian, the budget workshop has been rescheduled for October 12. BOD discussion resulted in a positive consensus that raises the annual dues by \$5.00. This matter will be called for vote at the November Membership Meeting.
7. ARRL Foundation Grants – Paul
Date for this grant will be expiring shortly. Discussion took place on funding for solar power as a possible seek for a grant. Possible bequests from TARC members was discussed but no conclusion was reached.
8. QRP Rig and Antenna Expo – Tom B
This event will take place on November 12 at the USCGA at noon. Tom B. has produced a descriptive flyer for the event.

9. PIO Update – Dwight

Gave an overview of study of syllabus and recent continuing study for PIO functions and responsibilities for civic organizations such as TARC. Mentioned upcoming events, QRP Expo, Winter Field Day, POTA at Myakka State Park, and Shark's Tooth 10k.

10. Holiday Party – Patti

Gave a report that Left Coast has suffered roof damage due to Ian and that may not be able to host TARC's holiday party and that a reopen date is uncertain. No deposit was made as yet to Left Coast. Plantation Golf & Country Club will be approached as to possible hosting of the holiday party.

11. 2022 Budget – Frank

Mentioned possible shortfall, will send an updated sheet. Summary information, \$7,900 incoming, \$9,000 spent.

12. Repeater Maintenance Committee Update – Steve

Discussion took place on the condition of the repeater site after Ian, and Steve will inform the Membership about the site at the next club meeting. The repeaters will be checked for proper operation. The 2 M and 70 CM antennas are somewhat angled on the tower mountings, and these can be seen from images taken by a drone.

13. V. E. Testing – Steve

Have report that Alex Gan upgraded from Tech to General, and that four other candidates passed (non members) their Tech exam. Paul, KN4BAR was a V.E. for the first time during this exam.

14. BOD Attendance – Steve

San suggested a brief discussion take place on attendance on BOD's meetings.

With no further business before the BOD, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Youngberg
W8SKI

Recording Secretary