

**Tamiami Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, May 10, 2025, 1 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Officers for 2025.**

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, President  
Frank Wroblewski, Vice President **ABSENT**  
Randy Aitken, KO4PIV Recording Secretary  
Dwight Sullivan KT4DDS, KN4RKE Treasurer

**Directors for 2025.**

Steve Phillips, NS4P <b>ABSENT</b>	Brian Jacobson, W1JBD
Nancy Heinrich, N4ZM <b>ABSENT</b>	Roger McEntarfer, N9RM
Jack Rosen, W1JJR	

**Guest:** John N3PQD

**Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM**

**Do we have a quorum? YES**

**Review and approve meeting minutes from April 05, 2025**

1st- Dwight KT4DDS  
2nd- Roger N9RM

**Old Business:**

1. Florida QSO Party. April 26th & 27th . Paul KN4BAR
  - a. Another wonderful year at AL K0AL shack, there was a good time had by all. Thank you AL and all of those who put in their time and effort for this event.
2. Shark Tooth Festival. Frank W2XYZ, Dwight KT4DDS
  - a. QSOs were a little slow on Saturday but had a great day on Sunday. There was not as much foot traffic as last year but we were a little off of the beaten path, but still had a good turnout.
3. New Computer for Repeater Site. Steve NS4P
  - a. The new computer was bought, programmed, and installed at the repeater site.
4. Pineview School. Paul KN4BAR
  - a. Paul did a fox hunt with the kids last week and had a wonderful time. All the equipment is locked up in a locker for the summer until next school year. The school is supposed to install the antennas over the summer so the kids can be more active with the radios in the club.

**Items 5-7 are being tabled until the Fall.**

5. Get "business" out of general membership meetings. Paul KN4BAR
6. How to make club meetings more experiential/interactive and less business like. Paul KN4BAR
7. How to promote specialty operating events, E.G. POTA, SAT Comms, Winlink, CW, Fox Hunt, etc., etc. Paul KN4BAR
8. ARISS support for other schools. Paul KN4BAR

- a. They know we are available to them. You can go to their website and read the article on the Pineview School Satellite fly-over.

### **New Business:**

1. Holiday party cost. John N3PQD
  - a. Thanks John for taking control of our annual Christmas party. John talked to several different locations, and found out that Venezia in Venice, was the best deal for our club, with quite a nice menu selection. The Board agreed, and will bring this to the membership for discussion.
2. Alternative Field Day event location(s). Steve NS4P
  - a. Steve and John N3PQD found the perfect location for our annual field day event. It will be brought to the membership on Wednesday. The location is the Venice Gardens Civic Center. It has a lot of room for us and Paul talked to the County about setting up our antennas in the back field and they approved it. The board agrees with this location. It will cost \$50 more than the Coast Guard Station normally does.
3. Purchase microphone headset for use with the iCom 7300 SSB station at field day and other club operating events. Frank W2XYZ (suggested by Tony W4RFV)
  - a. It was brought up to the Board and we all agree that this purchase was needed for future events. Total is under the \$350 that was approved.
4. Review club annual dues amount. Paul KN4BAR
  - a. Leave at the \$25.00 amount that we currently have.
5. Review "life membership" criteria and purpose. Paul KN4BAR
  - a. Looking at options of making a purchasable "LifeTime" membership. We will have a special meeting at the end of May for further discussion.
6. Review 2025 budget performance year to date (10/1/24 - 4/30/25). Dwight KT4DDS
  - a. Another great job done by Dwight KT4DDS. Everything is falling into place with the numbers that were projected.
7. North Port Repeater. Paul KN4BAR
  - a. It was never our eqpt. The radio station did not have clear ownership of the equipment, and therefore, its donation to the club back in November 2024 was invalid. It will be discussed at the General Membership meeting on Wednesday.

### **Any Other New Business:**

1. Get ready next month to start the New Budget Process for next year.
2. Antenna Books (ARRL) "Salty Waltz" was brought up by Brian W1JBD to purchase 2 of them for our club library. The Board agreed and gave permission for them to be bought. the cost around \$26 ea.

Motion to adjourn by RandyKO4PIV, seconded by, Paul KN4BAR at 1:59 pm

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, **June 07 , 2025, at 1:00 PM via Google Meet**