

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday December 07, 2024, 1 PM (via Zoom)

BOD MEETING MINUTES

Officers for 2024.

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, President
Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS Vice President
Randy Aitken, KO4PIV, Recording Secretary
Bob McAlister, KN4RKE, Treasurer

Directors for 2024.

Steve Phillips, NS4P
Tom Shrilla, W8QJF (**ABSENT**) Gary Youngberg, W8SKI (**ABSENT**)
Brian Jacobson, W1JBD Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ

Guest: Chris Stape K4PTS

Review and approve meeting minutes from November 09, 2024, BOD meeting as published on the TARC's website.

Treasurer's Report. Bob McAlister KN4RKE

Called to Order at 1:01 pm

Old Business:

1. SDR Status? Frank W2XYZ
 - a. New model has come out. It is plug and play with the computer built into it. Stand alone radio costs \$139. The all in one is \$499.95, we will need an antenna. They have a loop antenna for \$70 or just string up a piece of wire. We have a lot of options that we can do. Put on Club Agenda for approval of \$600 for new SDR. 8 users can use it at the same time.
2. Pineview School Status? Paul KN4BAR
 - a. Moving along great at this time. Gentleman coming down from Georgia to set up a practice station. VE testing is coming up for them in a week. 3. PIO Status? Dwight KT4DDS
 - b. Going to try and ask for a PIO assistant from the members to help Dwight with the position.
 - c. TARC picnic set for March 01, 2024. Alternate day will be 03/15/24 if the first is not available.
 - d. Shark Tooth Fest is April 13 and 14th waiting on some more information for the club.
4. Job Descriptions? Paul/Randy
 - a. Thanks to Paul since he has filled out most of the Job Descriptions, they are coming along great and still accepting any changes to these JD's. They will now become the official JD's for TARC at this time. Paul is going to write up an Event Description for a generalization of TARC events (Field Day, Shark tooth fest, 5K, and 10K, etc...) and it will be posted to the TARC website with the other JD's.

5. Second Battery for Repeater and raising them off the floor? Steve NS4P
 - a. Half way done with the work. Need to add power poles to all connectors. Need to look at possibly getting a rig runner to plug everything in.
6. Inventory of Club Accounts? Randy KO4PIV
 - a. Thanks to everyone for turning in their log-in information for all of the TARC accounts. Everything is in the BOD Database files.
7. Google Workspace and meeting streaming? Paul KN4BAR/Chris K4PTS
 - a. Chris chatted with the BOD about using Google workspace and offered to talk to those that need assistance with it. The BOD will be using it for all TARC files.

New Business:

1. Elmer program, assign specialties to members. Randy KO4PIV
 - a. It is already handled by Steve NS4P through the askelmer email.
 - b. Nothing further is needed.
2. Lifetime membership and recommendations. Paul KN4BAR/Randy KO4PIV
 - a. Talked about offering a lifetime membership for purchase to the membership which equates to 20yrs of dues at a one time payment. (currently \$500). Bob and I are going to work on this proposal to bring to the board for further discussion. The current Honorary Lifetime membership that the club has, will not change.
 - b. 4 members were suggested for the honorary lifetime membership. Board Approved.
 - i. Andy KB1HIP
 - ii. Roger KY4RS
 - iii. Peter KV4LR
3. New Membership Coordinator-Nancy N4ZM
 - a. Working with Nancy on how to handle the new position.
4. Trustee assignment and license class. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. The trustee position has always been the Secretary's job duty and somehow changed to someone else. It is now back on the Secretary Job Description. It is an administrative job. License class does not matter.
5. Should a club laptop be loaned to VPC for presentations, etc... Paul KN4BAR
 - a. We will use our laptops for our presentations and the church can provide their own.

6. License offer upgrade this spring. Paul KN4BAR

- a. Going to offer the DX coupons and a free membership with testing costs covered for those that want to upgrade their license. It will start Jan 01 and run through July 12th. They must test with us. One per customer, upgrades only. We have 11 coupons to hand out.

7. Scholarships. Steve NS4P

- a. Steve will contact the scholarship committee on requirements for all needed information. Should be used for STEM courses and be a graduating senior.

Any Other New Business:

1. Motion to transfer \$11,200.00 from Vanguard to the TARC account was NOT PASSED. Treasurer and Board agreed that there were sufficient funds available to make purchases and there was no need for any transfer of funds
Motion by Paul KN4BAR and seconded by Robert KN4RKE
2. The Secretary will take over the TRUSTEE title for the Tamiami Amatuer Radio Club. Currently held by the TARC President Paul Nienaber KN4BAR. It will be transferred to the TARC Secretary Randy Aitken KO4PIV starting January 01, 2025. Need to fill out the 605-C on the ARRL CORES website.

Motion to adjourn by Paul KN4BAR , seconded by Randy KO4PIV at 2:18 pm

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, January 04, 2024, at 1:00 PM via Zoom

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Respectfully submitted,

Randy Aitken KO4PIV
Recording Secretary