

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday February 9, 2024 1 PM (via Zoom)

BOD MEETING MINUTES

Officers for 2024:

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, President, Present
Steve Froggatt, Vice President, Absent
Art Wester, K4NUM, Recording Secretary, Present
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer, Present

Directors for 2024:

Tom Shrilla, W8QJF present
Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS, Present
Steve Phillips NS4P, absent
Gary Youngberg W8SKI Absent
Brian Jacobson, W1JBD, absent

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Paul Nienaber

Review and approve meeting minutes from January 6, 2024 prior BOD meeting as published on the TARC's website: [https://tarc-venicefl.groups.io/g/BoardofDirectors/files/BOD Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2024](https://tarc-venicefl.groups.io/g/BoardofDirectors/files/BOD%20Meeting%20Minutes,%20January%206,%202024), .pages Motion to approve the said minutes was made by Paul Nienaber. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

1. Solar power project at repeater site: battery voltage too low to operate equipment. Tom W8QJF will Investigate.
2. Budget update for January - Frank, W2XYZ - Expense for solar panels and batteries doesn't show on budget but all on BOD remember approving it. Overall finances are in good shape.
3. Hamcation, 38 bus tickets sold, we needed 35 for breakeven.
4. PIO: Dwight KT4DDS, 506 FaceBook followers, up 24 from last month. Venice Main St. form filed and approved. Steve NS4P and Frank W2XYZ to direct setup.
5. Sharks Tooth Festival, discussion deferred to March BOD meeting.
6. Winter Field Day, Frank W2XYZ, January 27, 2024. 627 contacts, operated 16 hours.
7. Antenna at Englewood repeater site is a danger and must be replaced. Search for antenna strong enough to withstand 100 mph winds. Cost estimate is \$1,200. Frank W2XYZ
8. Florida State POTA event discussion postponed to March BOD meeting.

New Business

1. Frank W2XYZ proposed that the club approve \$1000 for the purchase of second laptop to be used For logging at Field Day and POTA events. Deemed too expensive. Search for thriftier alternatives.
2. TARC scholarship proposal, no progress, Paul, KN4BAR moved to table until 2025.
3. C4FM repeater, proposed by Paul KN4BAR. No interest at this time.

4. Power distribution at repeater site to be discussed at March BOD meeting, Tom W4IEE and Steve NS4P.
5. Venice Community Center Public Safety Day, vote not to participate.
6. Paul KN4BAR update on USCG facility: only a portion leased to USAF for radar installment, building And parking will remain available to us for foreseeable future.
7. Holiday Party date was selected- Wednesday December 4, 2024. Bring to membership for approval at meeting on February 14, 2024.
8. Motion made by Dwight KT4DDS to approve \$300 expense for containers and table to be use at our storage locker. Seconded by Paul KN4BAR
9. Motion to reimburse \$89 to Paul KN4BAR for PayPal expense. Not in budget, requires membership vote.
10. ARRL Foundation Grants, funds available for clubs to recruit and train new HAMS. Can we write a grant Proposal for our Spring into Action program? Steve, NS4P to track upgrades.

Paul proposed adjourning the meeting at 2:13, seconded by Dwight KT4DDS, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Art Wester K4NUM
Recording Secretary

Steve, NS4P called for meeting adjournment at 2:20, motion was seconded by Frank W2XYZ and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Art Wester, K4NUM
Recording Secretary