

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday December 9, 2023 1 PM (via Zoom)

BOD MEETING MINUTES

Officers for 2023;

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, President, Present
Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, Vice President, Present
Art Wester, K4NUM, Recording Secretary, Present
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer, Present

Directors for 2023;

Tom Babcock, K7ONE	San Yoder, K3SY, Present
Tom Shrilla, W8QJF absent	Brian Jacobson, W1JBD, Present
Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS, Present	
Steve Phillips NS4P, Present	
Gary Youngberg W8SKI Present	

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Paul Nienaber

Review and approve meeting minutes from November 4, 2023, prior BOD meeting as published on the TARC's website: https://tamiamiarc.org/tarc/wp-content/uploads/BOD-Meeting-Minutes-2023_0708.pdf
Motion to approve the said minutes was made by Steve Phillips NS4P and seconded by Frank Wroblewski W2XYZ.
The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

1. Solar power project at repeater site: bridge complete. Measurement for panels to follow. Expected to be operational in January.
2. Scholarship plan, no progress .
3. North Port repeater site: antenna is at 100', 20 Watts, OK coverage. Internet service is intermittent But we expect resolution next week. Steve NS4P installed new battery in APC to prevent short term Outages.
4. November budget update from Frank W2XYZ -no surprises.
5. Annual holiday party; great success, thanks to Steve, Patti and others for their efforts. We need a cash bar next year
6. PIO: 468 FaceBook followers, up from last month. Venice Main St. participation not worth the expense. (\$350) Paul suggested not renewing. Tabled until next months meeting.
7. Sharks Tooth Festival, Dwight KT4DDS, will investigate.

New Business

1. Bus to Hamcation: February 10, 55 passenger bus \$1625, \$75 less than last year. Depart Coast Guard Station 6AM, depart Hamcation 4:30 PM, cost \$50 p/p. Reservation deadline February 2.
2. 2nd Annual barbecue to be held March 23, 2024, Oscar Sherer State Park, \$12p/p.
Pay for park entrance this year
3. Paul KN4BAR proposed moving annual meeting from December to November, perhaps too much going on in December. The sentiment of the officers and BOD were against the idea. Annual meeting remains in Dec.
4. Winter Field Day, January 27-28: Location will be Venice Coast Guard Station unless the site gets razed.
Ongoing discussion to find an alternative site: Legacy Park, Coakley Park, So. Venice Yacht Club, Laurel Civic Association and Sun Coast College were suggested as alternatives.
5. Equipment donations have been generous and Steve NS4P has sold \$950 in November.
6. Jim Shortill, outgoing VP, has been nominated for a Life Membership in the club for his many years of service. This will be brought up for a vote at the membership meeting on December 13.
7. Since the club treasury is in very good shape there were a number of proposals made on how to spend the Money, (eg. Suspend dues for a year) It was pointed out that we are one hurricane away from big expenses. Group sentiment was to save money for a rainy day.

San K3SY will speak to club member Dan Carlton, an attorney, about setting up an endowment fund.

8. Paul KN4BAR will make two presentations about our club and ham radio: January 16 at the Action Club, and February 2nd at the Venice Isle Health and Safety event.
9. Tom K7ONE requested 2 minutes at the membership meeting to discuss the Iota antenna.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Art Wester, K4NUM
Recording Secretary