

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday June 10, 2023, 1 PM (via Zoom)

BOD MEETING MINUTES

Officers for 2023;

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, President, Present
Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, Vice President, Present
Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, Recording Secretary, Present
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer, Present

Directors for 2023;

Tom Babcock, K7ONE, Present	San Yoder, K3SY, Present
Peter Boers, KV4LR Present	Steve Phillips, NS4P Present
Tom Shrilla, W8QJF absent	Brian Jacobson, W1JBD, Present
Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS, absent	Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, Present

Tom Porada W4IEE visitor
Art Wester K4NUM visitor

The meeting began at 1:00 PM,

Review and approve meeting minutes from May 6, 2023, prior BOD meeting as published on the TARC's website.
https://tamiamiarc.org/tarc/wp-content/uploads/BOD_Minutes_2023_0408.pdf

Motion to approve the said minutes was made by Paul KN4BAR and was seconded by NS4P, Steve. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Gary Youngberg W8SKI resigned as secretary from the board for health reasons. He will remain on the board as a director. The board accepted and thanked him for his service. Art Wester was introduced as the replacement, to be confirmed by vote at the next membership meeting.

Old Business:

1. Ham Reference Library; Brian K1JBD (Continued from May 6 meeting)

Brian presented ideas for a ham reference library to be donated to the Venice Public Library system. The estimated cost would see \$1400, \$1200 of which would be funded by a grant from the ARRL. Paul KN4BAR move to approve submitting the grant application and to fund \$200 towards the project, and Frank W2XYZ seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

2. Director Creep: 5 in 2003, 6 in 2004, 7 in 2018, 8 in 2020; Paul KN4BAR

Proposal to limit number of Directors to 5 plus 4 Officers, 9 total starting in 2024. After some discussion Paul KN4BAR called the motion and was seconded by Frank W2XYZ. Tom, K7ONE abstained. The motion was passed.

3. Tom Porada's proposal to build a solar power system for the club's repeater site was approved after discussion about there being enough or too many solar cells, and if the location had sufficient sun. Fears were allayed and the motion was made to bring the project to the club membership to spend \$1700 on the project.

New Business

1. 2024 budget. Present at Club Membership Mtg, Sep. 2023; Paul KN4BAR
Paul KN4BAR send an email to board members with a balanced draft budget for 2024. He suggested that the club now had a good start on general reserve funds and that we might cut back on the monthly contribution to the general reserve fund to increase the operating funds during the year. This suggestion was rejected during discussion. This item will be placed on Old Business for BOD meeting in July.
2. ARRL Club Liability Insurance rates / coverage? Frank W2XYZ, found that ARRL offers insurance with coverage similar to that from Auto Owners,(\$3M) our present provider, for \$200, less than half of our current expense.
3. Tom Porada, W4IEE, proposed an exhibit of past and current HAM paraphernalia in a display case at the library entrance. The display will be for the month of August. Paul Nienaber proposed we accept, all approved.
4. Steve, NS4P, proposed setting up a \$500 scholarship fund at Venice High School for STEM and Technical students. Steve will investigate and report at the September BOD meeting.
5. Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, proposed the club buy a Force 12 antenna from Captain Bob W5GJ. \$600 to be approved by membership subject to a test at Filed Day, June 24.
6. Paul, KN4BAR proposed that the club purchase an RF noise finder and a Field Strength meter. Estimated cost \$500, Steve, NS4P, will investigate, ask for approval at membership meeting.
7. Steve, NS4P, proposed a testing session on Friday June 23, for those wanting to test but can not make Saturday testing sessions. Steve will determine membership interest and proceed if wanted by members.
8. San Yoder K3SY and Steve NS4P will investigate irregularities occurring during our 2M and DMR nets, suspecting our duplexer may be the culprit.

Steve Phillips, NS4P motioned to adjoin the meeting, seconded by Peter Boers KV4LR, and all approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Art Wester, K4NUM
Acting Recording Secretary