

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday January 6, 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 absent
Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS, Present
Steve Phillips NS4P, Present
Gary Youngberg W8SKI Absent
Brian Jacobson, W1JBD, Present

Member attendee: Jim Shortill KJ4NDO

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by Paul Nienaber

Review and approve meeting minutes from December 9, 2023 prior BOD meeting as published on the TARC's website: [https://tarc-venicefl.groups.io/g/BoardofDirectors/files/BOD Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2023, .pages](https://tarc-venicefl.groups.io/g/BoardofDirectors/files/BOD%20Meeting%20Minutes,%20December%209,%202023)
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: cable bridge complete, Steve NS4P. Tom Perotta W4IEE is installing solar panels. We hope to be operational next week.
2. Budget update for December, Frank, W2XYZ - posted on groups io, all is well.
3. Hamcation, 22 bus ticket sold, we need 35 for breakeven. Promote at member meeting on 1/10, next week.
4. PIO: Dwight KT4DDS, 482 FaceBook followers, up 14 from last month. Venice Main St. participation is worth the expense. (\$125) Agreed to renew.
5. Sharks Tooth Festival, Dwight KT4DDS, Renew membership for Venice Main St., February 24, 2024. Free tent and exhibit site. The site must be staffed from Saturday 8 AM until closing at 10 PM and again on Sunday from _____ until _____. Will ask for a site on Venice Ave near City Hall with no overhead trees. Steve NS4P will bring POTA set up. Paul will request special event call sign. Use DMR and repeater, set up World Wide White Board so visitors can see where in the world contacts are made. Paul KN4BAR made the motion to pay dues and apply, seconded by Dwight, KT4DDS. Passed by unanimous vote.
6. Winter Field Day, Frank W2XYZ, January 27, 2 PM @ Venice Coast Guard Station . Set up one SSB station and one CW station. Multiple antennas. Be sure to mention this at monthly meeting on 1/10
7. 2 meter antenna is bent. Jeff will climb tower and replace antenna at no cost.
8. Steve NS4P reported that Chet Fennel, KG4IYS, is home from the hospital with a clean bill of health.

New Business

1. Jim Shortill, KN4NDO, proposed a two part POTA program to educate interested club members. Part one: A chalk talk program after a membership meeting explains how to get started, and then helping members Part two: Get set up in the field. Steve, NS4P will help those interested on January 11 or 12, probably at

1. Cont. Oscar Sherer State Park. Candidates should call Paul, KN4BAR, and he will assign Elmer.
2. Hamcation (2/10) overlap with BOD meeting. Move meeting to Friday January 9, 1 PM
3. Paul KN4BAR discussed the renewal of the Spring Into Action incentive program to get club members to Upgrade their licenses. The program will be available for the first 10 club members to sign up. Incentives Include a \$50 DXEngineering gift card, club dues waived for one year, no charge for the VE exam, pass or fail. Program will end at the VE session on June 8, 2024. A motion made by Frank W2XYZ to approve continuing The program was seconded by Steve NS4P, all approved.
4. Paul KN4BAR received a request for the club to conduct a ham radio license course for Sarasota Memorial Hospital employees. Steve, NS4P will investigate teaching class.
5. Mention Ft. Meyers ARC Hamfest, January 19, and 20 at Florida Southwester College, Bldg. U

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