

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, November 8, 2025, 1 PM (via Google Meet)

MEETING MINUTES

Officers for 2025.

Paul Nienaber KN4BAR, President
Frank Wroblewski W2XYZ, Vice President
Randy Aitken KO4PIV, Recording Secretary
Dwight Sullivan KT4DDS, Treasurer **ABSENT**

Directors for 2025.

Steve Phillips NS4P
Nancy Heinrich N4ZM
Brian Jacobson W1JBD **ABSENT**
Roger McEntarfer N9RM

Guest: NONE

Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM

Do we have a quorum? YES

Review and approve BOD meeting minutes from October 4, 2025

1st Roger N9RM

2ND Frank W2XYZ

Treasurer's Report: Dwight is out of town, Paul says we are in good standing.

Old Business:

1. Election for Officers, December meeting. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. We need a candidate for the President position; please look on the website at the job descriptions to see what it all entails if you would likely be interested.
 - b. All other positions have candidates. Thank you to all that have signed up to help the club.
2. Winter Field Day, 1/24-25/2026. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. Frank paid and reserved the Venice Gardens Center for field day and will get with Dwight to be reimbursed. Going to be another amazing Winter Field Day.
3. Bus to HamCation, 2/13-15/2026. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. That time of year again! Everyone is getting excited for the next bus trip to Orlando on February 14th
 - b. We talked about making the offer to the school clubs to take them to Hamcation with us. There were a lot of questions by the board that were brought up, and Paul is going to investigate it a little more before we make this decision.
 - i. Chaperones
 - ii. Charge per seat
 - iii. Insurance
 - iv. Whether it would be a school club trip, or a private trip (i.e. Insurance)
 - v. Soundproof divider? Just kidding! Haha.
4. Receive proposal to create a paid life membership class. An amendment to the bylaws will be required to do this. *At the bottom of the minutes.* Randy KO4PIV, Paul KN4BAR
 - a. This was split among the board with continuing this option for club members, so we decided to bring it to the membership and see what they think.
5. Donation to HCOL for \$164
 - a. It was brought to the board by Paul to send a \$1.00 donation per member to HCOL for their services. The board agreed and Dwight will send them a donation of \$164.00

1st Paul KN4BAR
2nd Nancy N4ZM

New Business:

1. Contesting as a club activity. Scope and participation. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. It was brought to an officer by another member of our club about maybe trying this as a club activity. The board mentioned that there are already contest clubs out there to join if any member would like to do so and believed we had enough, going on, in our scheduled activities. We encourage all members to be involved in contesting. We do appreciate new ideas from the club members at any time. That is what makes this club great. Thank you to the member who brought this to our attention, we really do appreciate it.
2. Consider K0AL for life membership as an exception to the published guideline. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. There was some confusion on the time that AL was a member, Paul said he would do some further research to make sure it all adds up to the correct point system. The board was unanimous on making AL an Honorary lifetime member of the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club. Al has donated his home for years to the club for contesting, field days, and other things. He has helped many members throughout his time in our club, and this is one of the best ways we can try to pay him back. Thank you, AL, for all the things you have done for us. We are proud to have you as a member of TARC.

Any Other New Business:

1. Form a By-Law revision committee to investigate some changes that were thought needed to be revised. (Move Annual Meetings to November is one)
2. Some club expenses incurred by Steve NS4P were brought up by another board member and we decided that they should be given back to him. Thank you, Steve, for always putting the club first and not worrying about if you will get the expenses back. We really appreciate your dedication and time that you invest in our club. You and Patty are another reason this club is amazing.

Motion to adjourn by Paul KN4BAR, seconded by Roger N9RM, at 1:42 pm

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 1:00 PM via Google Meet

Submitted by,
Randy Aitken KO4PIV
TARC Secretary

Lifetime Membership:

How it works:

- **A one-time payment:** A TARC member in good standing pays a single, one-time fee to establish perpetual membership.
- **Endowed Fund:** The payment is not spent but is deposited into an endowment fund managed by the BOD.
- **Annual dues covered:** Each year, the interest earned by the endowment fund is used to cover the member's annual dues to the club.
- **No future dues:** Members with perpetual membership no longer need to pay annual dues, and each year they receive a notice stating that no payment is owed.

- **Honorary option** (**Current program that we have, and will remain.**): Some members also use this option to honor another person, male or female, as a memorial or in recognition of distinguished service.

Key benefits:

- **For the member:** Guarantees lifetime membership and freedom from future dues payments.
- **For the club:** Provides a perpetual income stream that helps fund the club's operations, even after the members' passing.
- **For the future:** The funds will be preserved and invested, ensuring the long-term financial health of the club.

Example:

The membership dues are \$25.00 a year right now. If we take and use a 20-yr payment system, the Lifetime membership is \$500.00. As the dues go up, so does the lifetime membership option.

These numbers are just examples. Any numbers can be used and decided by the membership.