

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2020

The meeting was held at the William H. Jervy, Jr., Venice Public Library, Venice, FL. President Shortill called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Officers:

Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, President
Steve Phillips, NS4P, Vice President
Patti Phillips, N4IGI, Recording Secretary
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer - absent

Board of Directors:

Peter Boers, KV4LR - absent	Guenther Henning, AJ4QX - absent
Andy Durette, KB1HIP	Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR
Chet Fennell, KG4IYS - absent	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF
Gary Hagens, K60C - absent	San Yoder, K3SY

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **TARC Membership Application** – The following changes will be made to the TARC membership application: 1) Interest section will be removed, 2) officers will be removed, and 3) permanent address will be added. San (K3SY) will mock-up a revised form and send to Paul (KN4BAR) to upload on the TARC website and to Steve (NS4P) to distribute at future VE test sessions.

Since the Officers' names will be removed from the TARC Membership Application, San will place the Officers' names in another section of The Communicator.

Dues for first year members are currently waived. To simplify the process the following proposal is being presented to Chet (KG4IYS). Any first year member who joins before October 1 will have a free membership for the remainder of the year. Members who join on or after October 1 will have a free membership until December 31 of the following year. Steve will propose this to Chet.

2. **Annual Events Schedule** – An Events Schedule will be added to the TARC Website and Groups.io page. The following events will be listed initially, and as other events are identified, Paul will add them. Steve will provide to Paul a brief description for each of the following events.
 - a. Winter Field Day – January 25 & 26
 - b. Shark Tooth 10K – March 7
 - c. Shark Fin 5K – March 8
 - d. Shark Tooth Festival – April 3 – 5
 - e. FL QSO Party – April 25 & 26

- f. Field Day – June 27 & 28
 - g. Battle of the Bridges – September
3. **Winter Field Day** – Winter Field Day will be held on January 25 & 26. This will be the Program Topic at the next TARC meeting on January 8.
 4. **Shark Tooth Festival** – Andy will work with Jim to ensure that the 2020 Letter of Agreement Shark Tooth Festival Nonprofit Vendor form is filled out completely with the club's site requirements.
 5. **Regatta event** – Paul has volunteered to draft a test plan for alternative repeaters and distribute it to the original participants (San, Steve, Tom P, Frank) in the next few weeks.
 6. **New Technician Elmer linkup** – Steve stated that there is good cooperation from the hams with getting new technicians started. Only a limited number of new hams have requested Elmer's though. Perhaps events like Fox Hunting will intrigue new hams.
 7. **Being a Ham within a HOA** – Discussion centered around how we can assist hams in getting HOA approval for antennas. San mentioned that he used DARN to assist with his antenna installation approval process. Jim stressed the Whats In It For Me (WIIFM) method. Jim said that he will be forming an HOA Action Group. Jim will write up a description of services and suggested procedures to follow. This information will be shared with the club on the TARC Website and Groups.io.
 8. **Getting youth involved in Ham Radio** – Jim shared with the Board the article "Nashua Area Radio Society Outreach to New Hams." Steve said he would contact NARS to request an outline of their Technician course.
 9. **Fox Hunting** – Paul discussed the concept of fox hunting where participants use radio direction finding techniques to locate a radio transmitter hidden within a designated search area. This may include a radio transmitter build party. Paul and Steve will define the program.
 10. **Club Station** – Recently on Groups.io members were chatting about a club station and a remote club station. Paul and Tom (W8QJF) will form an exploratory committee to determine the feasibility of a club station including property insurance, liability insurance, etc..
 11. **Folding Chairs** – The Board proposed to purchase four additional chairs for the club.
 12. **Bequeathing equipment** – A reminder will be added to the TARC Website, Groups.io, and The Communicator reminding members that they and their

families may bequeath radio equipment to the club. Jim will compose a few sentences for the publications.

13. **Lifetime Membership** – The Board proposed to give Fred Lathwood, KJ4TNI, a lifetime membership. Fred was a past president. This will be presented for membership approval at the next TARC meeting.
14. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on February 1 at 1:00 at the William H. Jerve, Jr., Venice Public Library in Room 105.