

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2020

The meeting was held at the William H. Jervy, Jr., Venice Public Library, Venice, FL. President Shortill called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

Officers:

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

Board of Directors:

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

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **TARC Membership Application** – All updates have been completed and the new membership application is available on the TARC website and in the latest issue of The Communicator.
2. **Winter Field Day** – Winter Field Day was held on January 25 & 26. The antennas went up and the radios worked well. The people who participated had fun. Earlier communications at TARC meetings, in The Communicator, and on Groups.io regarding events may increase participation. Jim KJ4NDO will work on a plan to encourage more members to participate at future events. The Board will propose at the next TARC meeting purchasing mementos for special events like Field Day to encourage participation.
3. **Megalodon Weekend** – The Board approved participating in Megalodon Weekend on March 7 & 8. Steve NS4P will be the Event Coordinator and will communicate with Karen to get the final course route and communicate it to the club. The DMR local 9 repeater will be used. Some members have extra DMR radios that will be available for use for this event. This is a fun event with free shirts, food, and coffee for the participants.
4. **Shark Tooth Festival** – Paperwork has been sent to the organizers of the event with a special request for the TARC location to be the same as last year. Voice, CW, and Satellite will be available at the tent location while FT8 will be done at the member's QTH. Jim and Frank W2XYZ will work on the sign-up sheet which will include a Greeter column. The Greeter will provide a short introduction as to what TARC does.

5. **FL QSO Party** – This event takes place on April 25 & 26. It is a 20-hour event spread over two days. Andy KB1HIP will be the Event Coordinator. This item will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
6. **Fox Hunting** – Paul KN4BAR and the Fox Hunt Committee has had another fox hunt. Steve bought a fox hunt transmitter which worked very well. A true fox hunt requires multiple transmitters because you can have multiple hunts going on simultaneously to compete in groups. The Fox Hunt Committee will be planning additional events to familiarize others in fox hunting.
7. **Club Equipment** – The Board will propose to the membership to sell some club gear in order to purchase a new IC 7300 and two power supplies to be used at special events and possibly a club station. Chet KG4IYS has very generously offered to donate a second IC-7300 to TARC if the membership approves the selling of the club gear.
8. **Club Station** – Paul and the Club Station Committee is looking at possible locations for a permanent club station.
9. **Remote Station** - Tom W8QJF mentioned equipment that would be needed for a remote station. This topic is still in the exploratory stage.
10. **Groups.io** – We have nearly 100 people signed up for Groups.io. This is a great way to communicate information to all members quickly and easily. At the next TARC meeting Steve will bring up how we expect to socialize Groups.io.
11. **Regatta event** – Will be discussed at a future BOD meeting.
12. **New Technician Elmer linkup** – Will be discussed at a future BOD meeting.
13. **Being a Ham within a HOA** – Will be discussed at a future BOD meeting.
14. **Getting youth involved in Ham Radio** – Will be discussed at a future BOD meeting.
15. **Bequeathing equipment** – Last month Jim composed a few sentences for the TARC Website, Groups.io, and The Communicator reminding members that they and their families may bequeath radio equipment to the club.
16. **Membership Coordinator** – Paul graciously volunteered to take over responsibility of the club roster.
17. **Ham of the Year Award** – Some of the northern clubs have a “Ham of the Year” award. Since we have so many awesome members it was decided it would be difficult to single out just one ham.

18. **TARC Letterhead** – Patti N4IGI proposed a new letterhead to go with the new TARC logo.

19. **Next BOD Meeting** – Below is a list of the upcoming BOD meetings.

March 21, 2020

April 11, 2020

May 9, 2020

June 6, 2020

September 12, 2020

Meetings are schedule from 1:00 – 3:00 at the William H. Jervy, Jr., Venice Public Library in Room 105.