

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2020

The meeting was held via video conference. President Shortill called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. All members attended the meeting.

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	Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR
Andy Durette, KB1HIP	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF
Chet Fennell, KG4IYS	San Yoder, K3SY
Gary Hagens, K60C	

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **Board of Directors Update** – Guenther Hennig, AJ4QX, has resigned from the Board of Directors. The BOD sincerely thanks Guenther for his service over the years. At this time, we will not be replacing Guenther.
2. **Fox Hunting** – Due to the “stay at home” order, local fox hunting is on hiatus. Once the order is lifted, Paul, KN4BAR, will schedule a couple practice sessions. The club is interested in having a WCF-wide fox hunting event early next year. Additional fox transmitters and controller equipment may be necessary for multiple hunts.
3. **FL QSO Party** – This 20-hour event will be April 25 from noon to 10:00 p.m. and April 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is a multi multi distributed event. Additional information is available on the TARC web site and Groups.io. There are opportunities to sign up for a two-hour time slot for phone or CW. All contacts must be logged properly. Frank recommends N1MM logging software. Tom Porada, W4IEE, will be happy to share how to use a VPN.
4. **June 2020 Field Day** – Due to the “stay at home” order, it is unknown at this time the details of this event. We will re-evaluate this topic at the beginning of June.
5. **Club Station** – Tom, W8QJF, has the remote station running in a test mode at the Englewood repeater site and is reporting very good results. Based on Tom’s testing, he recommends the following equipment for the remote station:
  - a) IC-7300 – club owned

- b) Raspberry Pi 4b radio remote interface - \$85
- c) USB sound card adapter for VOX operation - \$12 – not implementing
- d) TP-Link Wi-Fi Smart Power Strip – Allows remote power on/off of RPi and rig/ power supply. Needed to un-freeze or disconnect ‘runaway’ scenario - \$32
- e) Semi-modern wi-fi router, likely donated by a club member
- f) Paradan Antenna Disconnect to disconnect and grounds antenna when rig is powered-off - \$110
- g) RemoteTX remote control subscription - This service avoids port-forwarding (which we cannot accomplish at our site) as an intermediary between the radio station and the remote operator - \$70/year

Tom will develop a You-Tube video on how to use the station.

6. **Club Equipment** – Steve, NS4P, has inventoried approximately 50% of the recently donated radio equipment from Llyod Smith’s estate. This accounts for about 100 items. It was recommended to put the inventory list in The Communicator and on Groups.io to see if any club member is interested in purchasing any of the equipment.
7. **Battle of the Bridges Regatta** - The club will use the Jacaranda Trace repeater (442.050 100 pl) for the Regatta. Due to COVID-19, no dates have been confirmed for the 2020 event yet.
8. **Elmer Linkup** – Even with social distancing occurring a couple of our members have been Elmering hams remotely. Thank you all who have helped in Elmering.
9. **Classes in 2020** – There will be no classes until after September.
10. **FCC License Exams** – Just this week, the March candidates who passed received their calls signs and or license upgrades. The next VE session may not occur until September. Steve will keep the VE Team informed.
11. **Getting Youth Involved in Ham Radio** – The club will continue to promote ham radio to youths by distributing informational flyers at events such as Shark Tooth Festival and Field Day.
12. **Groups.io** – The club will use Groups.io to communicate activities, events, and general club information. To cut down on emails coming from Groups.io, Paul will turn off the email notifications for the weekly nets. If you have not signed up for Groups.io please send an email to Paul at [kn4bar@arri.net](mailto:kn4bar@arri.net).
13. **Sunshine** – The club is looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the Sunshine Committee. If anyone is interested, please send an email to [secretary@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:secretary@tamiamiarc.org).
14. **Upcoming Meetings**

The next BOD meeting will be on May 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM. If a club member is interested in attending, please email [secretary@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:secretary@tamiamiarc.org) and Patti will send you the video conference information.

The May TARC meeting will be on May 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM on the 2-meter repeater frequency 146.805 MHz ( - ) PL 100 and EchoLink. Frank will be renaming EchoLink from W2XYZ-R to W4AC-R.