

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2020

The meeting was held via video conference. President Shortill called the meeting to order at 1:06 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. **Englewood Repeater Equipment** – Recently, Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, purchased and subsequently donated Englewood repeater equipment to TARC. A sincere thank you goes out to Chet for his generosity.
2. **Repeater Maintenance Team** – The club has created a Repeater Maintenance Team. Members include Chet Fennell - KG4IYS, Frank Wroblewski - W2XYZ, Brian Tate – KX4FX, Peter Boers - KV4LR, Tom Babcock - KN4ONE, and Bob Schneider - W5GJ. The mission of the team is to check and test the club-owned equipment on a regular basis, assess the equipment, and establish a maintenance program.
3. **June 2020 Field Day** – Field Day will be on June 27 - 28. The rules for this year's event have been relaxed and operators may be able to participate more "at home" than in years past. Frank, W2XYZ, and Steve Phillips, NS4P, will review and explain the rules to the membership at the next TARC meeting.
4. **Club Station** – Tom Shrilla, W8QJF, has the remote station running in a beta test mode at the Englewood repeater site and the beta testing will continue throughout the summer. Tom developed a You-Tube video on how to use the station. If you log on and another ham is operating you will receive a message to select cancel and wait for the operator to finish his session.
5. **SERC Proposal** – Jim, KJ4NDO, Steve, NS4P, and Frank, W2XYZ met with Gary Wells, WB9AYD, President of SERC to discuss extending the ARES coverage to southern Sarasota County. This would involve linking the

Englewood repeater to the Laurel repeater at a maximum cost of approximately \$1,000. This proposal is under consideration by the Board and will be presented to the membership.

6. **Club Equipment** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that he has lots of donated ham equipment still in his garage and trailer that is available at very reasonable prices. If interested, please send Steve a note before the equipment goes to a hamfest to be sold. The list of equipment is available in The Communicator and on Groups.io.
7. **Battle of the Bridges Regatta** – Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, mentioned the Regatta is currently planned for September 26, 2020. The club will use the Jacaranda Trace repeater (442.050 100 pl) for the Regatta.
8. **Fox Hunting** – Paul, KN4BAR, stated the next fox hunting practice session will be on June 20 at 8:00 AM. If interested, refer to Groups.io for more information. In addition, there is interest in having a WCF-wide fox hunting event early next year.
9. **Classes in 2020** – There are no classes scheduled at this time.
10. **VE Testing** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that the next testing date will be June 13 on his lanai. There will be two test sessions in the morning and each session will be limited to four candidates and social distancing will be embraced. Steve will keep the VE Team informed as to when the Venice Library location will be available again for testing sessions.
11. **Community Foundation** – Due to the amount of time and work involved, there was no interest in applying for funds from the Community Foundation.
12. **Chat Net Times** – The Tuesday and Thursday Chat Nets will remain at the same time all year round.
13. **Next BOD Meeting**  
The next BOD meeting will be on September 8, 2020 at 11:30 AM. Location will be determined once the date gets closer. If a club member is interested in attending, please email [secretary@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:secretary@tamiamiarc.org) and Patti, N4IGI, will send you the meeting information.