

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2020

The meeting was held via video conference. 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

Board of Directors:

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

Guest:

Tom Porada, W4IEE

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **Public Works Tower** – Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, reported that the tower has police antennas plus UHF and VHF antennas. He will be following up with Public Works in November to see what their plan is for future use of the tower and antennas.
2. **Assessment of Damaged IC 7300** – Steve Phillips, NS4P, received back from Icom this past week the damaged IC-7300 all in one piece. Next week he will begin to analyze the damages.
3. **Proposal from N4ADI in Punta Gorda to connect to our UHF repeater** – Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, and Joe Giardina, N4ADI, will discuss viable options of connecting to the Englewood repeater.
4. **AREDN Node at Paul Morris Tower** – Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, submitted a budget proposal to place an AREDN “island” node on the Paul Morris Dr. tower. The group agreed to delay a decision until after the Venice hospital is complete.
5. **Budget Plan** – Tom Porada, W4IEE, facilitated the review of the Budget Plan categories and board members and club members were assigned to each category to determine their respective budget category amount. By 10/18/2020, all need to provide to Paul their budget amounts for any line items assigned to them along with any ideas for special events and new assets.

6. **Online Surveys for Club Business** – Tom Shrilla, W8QJF, proposed that the club begins to use surveys as a polling option to determine club preferences since we are doing online meetings. Zoom has a polling feature and the club will begin to use it going forward.
7. **Repeater Maintenance Committee** – The new protective equipment that was installed at the repeater site is doing well protecting our equipment from lightning strikes. Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, purchased a new rack for the repeater site building and with the help of Peter it now has shelves and brackets. Maintenance on the equipment is up to date. Soon we will be moving equipment to the new rack in an effort to keep things organized. Tom, Frank, and Steve will see how well a vertical antenna will work at the repeater site.
8. **Remote Club Station** – Tom Shrilla, W8QJF, stated that we are on hold with the rollout of membership until everything is fully functional. The club will be investigating a ground-mounted vertical to replace the dipole antenna.
9. **SERC Proposal** – Steve Phillips, NS4P, will be reaching out to Gary Wells, WB9AYD, President of SERC, via phone this week to see if there is mutual interest in moving this initiative forward.
10. **Club Equipment** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that with Hamcation 2021 being cancelled he needs his garage space back. He is looking for help in unloading the equipment he has in his garage.
11. **Fox Hunting** – Paul, KN4BAR, submitted an event request and associated budget proposal for a WCF-wide fox hunting event in October 2021. The Board agreed pending the COVID-19 pandemic is under control.
12. **License Classes** – Paul, KN4BAR, proposed that the club charge \$15.00 for each student going forward and then waive the \$15.00 VE Testing fee if the student takes the test through TARC. This will provide TARC some income if the student drops out of the course early. Unanimously the BOD approved this idea.
13. **VE Testing** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that the club is still the only group conducting VE Testing in the area.
14. **Christmas Party** – Tom, W8QJF, volunteered to reach out to some outside venues to see if they will accommodate a group for a Christmas Party.
15. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on November 7, 2020 at 1:00 PM. If a club member is interested in attending, please email secretary@tamiamiarc.org and Patti, N4IGI, will send you the meeting information.