

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2020

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

Officers:

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

Board of Directors:

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| Peter Boers, KV4LR | Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR |
| Andy Durette, KB1HIP | Tom Shrilla, W8QJF |
| Chet Fennell, KG4IYS | San Yoder, K3SY |
| Gary Hagens, K6OC | |

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **Budget Plan** – Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, presented a balanced 2021 budget plan and the board members recommended to present it at the next club meeting. Beginning in 2021, the budget plan will be reviewed with actuals on a monthly basis.
2. **Special Event and Purchase Templates** - Paul, KN4BAR, created templates for members to use to request club's participation in special events and club purchases. The Board approved the templates and they will be available on the club's website on the Members Only page.
3. **Public Works Tower** – Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, is waiting to hear what Public Works plan is for future use of the tower and antennas at the old Police station on Capri Isles.
4. **Assessment of Damaged IC 7300** – Steve Phillips, NS4P, confirmed the USB port does not work; however, everything else seems to be working. He will do additional testing on all bands and ensure software updates can be applied.
5. **N4ADI in Punta Gorda Connection**– Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, reported that Joe Giardina's (N4ADI) connection to the club's repeater has been working without issue throughout the trial period so we will keep the connection up between Punta Gorda and Englewood.
6. **Location Options for Club Meetings** – Jim, KJ4NDO, mentioned the U.S. Air Force may build a meeting hall at the current U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary site.

Other possible locations for club meetings include the local Catholic and Presbyterian churches. This topic will be put on hold until mid-year.

7. **Life Membership for Hans Napfel** – San Yoder, K3SY, proposed a life membership for Hans Napfel, WB2ZZB, who provided numerous programs for many years and it was unanimously approved.
8. **Repeater Maintenance Committee** – Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, reported that the repeaters are working properly. The shack has been cleaned up and the equipment on the rack has been organized. Chet is financing new antennas at the repeater site and the new AB 680 antenna is on backorder. The tower climber is supposed to assess the tower in the upcoming month.
9. **Remote Club Station** – Tom Shrilla, W8QJF, stated that the Remote TX subscription is up for renewal at a cost of \$70.
10. **SERC Proposal** – Steve, NS4P, is still waiting on Gary Wells, WB9AYD, President of SERC, to see if there is mutual interest in moving this initiative forward.
11. **Club Equipment** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned he will be attempting to sell club gear at Tampa Bay Hamfest at the Strawberry Festival Grounds in Plant City on December 11-12.
12. **License Classes** – Paul, KN4BAR, said that the General Class wraps up this week. The new format of using Ham Test Online supplemented with weekly instructor review and explanation is successful. Paul is looking for another volunteer to help him and his team teach a Tech class in February 2021.
13. **VE Testing** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that seven candidates signed up for VE Testing this week. Five of the candidates are from the TARC General class.
14. **TARC 2021 Officers and Board of Directors elections** – At the December club meeting we will vote on the 2021 TARC Officers and Board of Directors. San, K3SY, volunteered again this year to be chairman of the nominating committee and at the November club meeting he will be soliciting up to two additional nominating committee members along with candidates for officers and board members. The Board confirmed that a quorum is 10% of members including one officer. In addition, the Board must consist of officers and a minimum of three directors. Jim, KJ4NDO, will be stepping down as President at the end of the year to devote time to perfecting his CW skills.
15. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on December 5, 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.