

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 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, K6OC	

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **Lighthouse Christmas Lights** - Andy Durette, KB1HIP, mentioned the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society will hold their Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party from December 19, 2020 through January 3, 2021. The lighthouse is currently closed but Andy will check to see if there is access to the parking lot as you must be able to see the lighthouse to participate in the event. Plan on participating on December 19. Jack Sproat, W4JS, has prepared IOTA-compliant QSL labels for cards.
2. **Winter Field Day** - Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, reported that Winter Field Day will be held on January 30 and 31. He encouraged all to review the guidelines and make sure you are able to create a Cabrillo file. Since we will be participating at home, please take the time to prepare your setup in advance of the event. We expect to operate in the same mode as Summer Field Day. (Note: FT8/FT4 not permitted for WFD)
3. **Budget Plan** – Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, confirmed that the 2021 budget plan was shared with the membership and will be requested for approval at the December club meeting.
4. **Public Works Tower** – Jim, KJ4NDO, confirmed that Public Works will not be addressing their plans for the future use of their tower on Capri Isles until after their building renovations are done in the Spring. Jim will stay in contact with the Public Works director.
5. **Repeater Maintenance Committee** – Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, reported that the new Echolink has some functional problems that are being addressed. The tower climber

proposed to do the assessment and necessary repair and enhancement work in one phase. Chet and Jim will propose a lease agreement for the repeater site. The Board proposes to solicit membership for contributions for the lease payment. Chet will continue to chair the maintenance committee until the tower work is done.

6. **Remote Club Station** – Tom Shrilla, W8QJF, stated that the Remote TX subscription has been renewed until November 2021. The AV-680 antenna has been delayed, but is expected to be ship by the end of the month. Andy, KB1HIP, complimented Tom on a job well done on his You-Tube video on the remote station.
7. **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.
8. **Club Equipment** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that last month Al Culbert, K0AL, sold over \$600 in club equipment. Steve and others will attempt to sell additional club gear at the Tampa Bay Hamfest in Plant City on December 11-12.
9. **License Classes** – Paul, KN4BAR, said that the next Tech class will begin on February 7, 2021.
10. **VE Testing** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that he has no candidates for the next VE Test session, but that may change this week.
11. **TARC 2021 Officers and Board of Directors elections** – San, K3SY, stated the club will vote for officers and directors at the December club meeting.
12. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on January 9, 2021 at 1:00 PM. 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.