

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2021

The meeting was held via video conference. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Officers:

Steve Phillips, NS4P, President
Tom Babcock, KN4ONE, Vice President
Patti Phillips, N4IGI, Recording Secretary
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer

Board of Directors:

Peter Boers, KV4LR	Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR
Andy Durette, KB1HIP	Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO
Chet Fennell, KG4IYS	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF
Gary Hagens, K6OC	San Yoder, K3SY

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **Winter Field Day** - Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, reported that Winter Field Day will be held on January 30 and 31. Participants will be participating from their home QTH. To receive 1,500 extra points all contacts must be completed using a generator or battery. Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, will post some guidelines on Groups.io prior to the event. (Note: FT8/FT4 not permitted for WFD)
2. **Storage Unit** – Since a number of members have club equipment stored in their garages, Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, researched the cost of a storage unit. The least expensive storage unit in the area rents for \$130 per month. Since demand is high, there are no discounts given for non-profits nor annual rentals. The club will forego the storage unit option due to cost. Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, mentioned that the owner of the repeater site will allow us to put up a shed at the repeater site. Frank, W2XYZ, will research the cost of a shipping container.
3. **Future Location of Club Meetings** – Andy Durette, KB1HIP, volunteered to contact the USCGA Assistant Commander to assess the future accessibility to the USCGA facility. Meanwhile, Tom Babcock, KN4ONE, will create a Meeting Location Inquiry Checklist form to track the functional requirements of alternative locations. Members will complete the form and Tom will compile the information into a spreadsheet.
4. **Silent Keys** – Jim, KJ4NDO, will get the names of the recent SKs engraved on the club's plaque. It will be the secretary's responsibility to report the SK to the ARRL for inclusion in QST, add the name to the plaque, and cancel the license with the FCC. Paul, KN4BAR, will upload short write-up provided by other members on SKs to the TARC website.

5. **Venice Non-Profit Event** – Steve Phillips, NS4P, mentioned there is a Venice Non-Profit Event on January 15 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. All spots are already taken for this year and requires a \$200 annual membership. San Yoder, K3SY, will research what the membership provides and if they have a meeting room.
6. **Financials** – Frank, W2XYZ, reported that we are on budget since we have not spent any money yet this year.
7. **Repeater Maintenance Committee** – Chet, KG4IYS, reported that the three-person tower climbing team led by Jeff Bookout, KC4SME, began working on Thursday, January 7 and expect to be done by end of day on Monday, January 11. They suggested to move the VHF antenna to the top of the tower since more room is available now. A concrete base has been poured. They are replacing the rusty guy wires and will paint the tower next.
8. **Remote Club Station** – Tom Shrilla, W8QJF, is still patiently waiting for the AV-680 antenna to be delivered.
9. **VE Testing** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that he had one candidate today for the VE Test session who passed the Technician exam with a perfect score. In 2020, there were 31 Technician, 17 General, and 6 Extra new licensees granted.
10. **License Classes** – Paul, KN4BAR, said that the next Tech class will begin on February 7, 2021. He has four students so far.
11. **Donated Gear** – San, K3SY, mentioned that Ron Pedersen, KJ4EVJ, has donated his gear to the club. The club will acknowledge the donation with a thank you letter.
12. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on February 6, 2021 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.