

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2021

The meeting was held via video conference. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:04 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. **Shark Tooth 10K** – Steve Phillips, NS4P said that the Shark Tooth 10K race was a smashing success. The race organizer, Karen, was thrilled to have TARC present. The hams that participated were happy to be outside and doing ham radio.
2. **Portable Receive Flag Antenna** – Tom Shrilla, W8QJF, presented an interesting article in the latest QST magazine. If you have not read the article yet, here is the link [QST Magazine Article - March 2021 \(0.8 MB\)](#).
3. **Special Interest Groups** – Since the club has a wide variety of interests and people are wanting to learn about all aspects of ham radio, it was suggested to embrace Special Interest Groups on Groups.io. An example is a Kit Building Team Special Interest Group. If you are interested in leading a group, contact Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, and he will set up the special interest group as a subgroup.
4. **Membership Clarifications** – First Year Free membership is only offered to newly licensed hams who took their license exam at a TARC VE test session. Life membership is based on recognition of service to the club taking into account, years of membership, age, and special circumstances.
5. **YL Outreach** – Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, will be leading a group to get more YLs involved in ham radio and club activities.
6. **Future Location of Club Meetings** – Andy Durette, KB1HIP, will follow up with USCGA regarding the use of their facility.

7. **Financials** – Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, reported that everything looks good with no extraordinary issues.
8. **Repeater Maintenance Committee** – Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, mentioned that everything is working well. It was reported that the repeater could be reached as far Cape Coral about 48 miles away. The tower guys will be coming back to put a light on top of the tower, replace existing VHF coax with hard line, re-tension the guy wires, and remove the old coax. Tom Porada, W4IEE, is cleaning up the access panels. Chet has received the lease agreement and it will be reviewed by Jim, KJ4NDO and Steve, NS4P.
9. **Remote Club Station** – Tom, W8QJF, reported that the remote station has been working well for the last few days.
10. **VE Testing** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that he has four candidate for the next VE Test session, but is waiting on responses from the Tech class attendees.
11. **License Classes** – Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, said that the Tech class wraps up on March 7 with four students finishing the course.
12. **Regional Fox Hunt** – Paul, KN4BAR, mentioned the regional fox hunt will be on October 30 and planning will be underway.
13. **SERC Ham Fest** – When SERC has their next ham fest, probably in November, TARC will reserve at least one table.
14. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on April 10, 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.