

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2021

The meeting was held via video conference. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:12 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 - absent	Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO
Chet Fennell, KG4IYS	San Yoder, K3SY
Gary Hagens, K6OC	

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **County Repeaters** – Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, mentioned that TARC's repeaters are now listed on the county's repeater list as SAR-16 and SAR-16S (simplex).
2. **License Classes** – Paul, KN4BAR, said that out of the 7 students that initially signed up for the last class, three completed the class and received their licenses,
3. **Tamiami Fox Hunt** – The regional fox hunt is now called Tamiami Fox Hunt and is scheduled for October 23, 2021. Paul, KN4BAR, presented the event to the Board stating he believes 11 volunteers are needed for the event, but can get by with as few as 8. Registration will be required two weeks prior to the event. Tom Porada, W4IEE, created the logo for the event. For items that can be re-used just the logo will appear. For the ballcaps, we will have the logo with the year. Peter, KV4LR, made the motion to accept the budget and Jim, KJ4NDO, seconded it and the rest of the board approved it. Click on the link <http://tamiamiarc.org/annual-fox-hunt/> for more information.
4. **SERC Grant** – Micki Taylor, KM4BHF, received grant money to encourage STEM training for up to 30 students in Sarasota. She requested TARC to provide Technician Training for those students that will be part of the program.
5. **YL Outreach** – Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, wrote a letter to the Young Ladies Radio League to see how we can help them get more YLs involved in ham radio. Patti Phillips, N4IGI, mentioned that one club in New England gave a YL only Tech class, which was very successful. Maybe there is interest in TARC's YLs teaching a YL only class.

6. **FL QSO Party** – Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, reported that the FL QSO Party begins Saturday, April 24 at noon through 10:00 pm and Sunday April 25 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. At Al Culbert's, K0AL, cottage there will be two phone stations. Hams may also log QSOs from home QTH and submit logs for a combined club score. For this contest, there is no digital, 80, or 160 meters. The Board will request the club to approve \$100 for food and drink during the event.
7. **TARC Web Site Security** – The TARC web site has a digital certificate. Paul, KN4BAR, will confirm settings and determine level of security on the digital certificate. The club is looking for a member to be a backup for Paul.
8. **Future Location of Club Meetings** – Andy Durette, KB1HIP, will follow up with USCGA regarding the use of their facility. San is still in contact with some local churches too. We are hoping to begin in person club meetings in September.
9. **Financials** – Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, reported that everything looks good with no extraordinary issues.
10. **Repeater Maintenance Committee** – Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, mentioned that the tower guys will be returning hopefully in May to re-tension cables, replace feedline, and install a light. Jon Cole has been added to the club's insurance policy. Echolink is experiencing some sporadic buzzing. The new ship date for the AV-680 antenna is now June 21, 2021. The Board voted unanimously that the club pays for the use of the remote station and will not charge members. If the usage becomes out of hand, the Board may limit excessive use. A second switch may be necessary in the future. A special thanks to Tom Shrilla for all of his work on the remote station project.
11. **VE Testing** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that he had nine candidates who successfully tested at the March VE sessions. For the April VE session there were three candidates of which two passed.
12. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on May 8, 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.