

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2021

The meeting was held via video conference. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:05 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 - absent
Chet Fennell, KG4IYS	San Yoder, K3SY
Gary Hagens, K6OC - absent	

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **FL QSO Party** – Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, reported that club members enjoyed participating in the FL QSO Party during the last weekend of April. So far, from Al's Cottage and a few home QTHs, TARC made 1,054 SSB and 1,100+ CW contacts. Remember to submit logs for a combined club score by May 10.
2. **Fox Hunts** – Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, mentioned we had many hounds at the May 1 fox hunt including a couple first-time attendees. Steve, NS4P and Tom Babcock, KN4ONE, will be the foxes for the next fox hunt on June 5. Remember to keep your calendar open on October 23, 2021 for the Tamiami Fox Hunt.
3. **Field Day** – Frank mentioned that Field Day is June 25-27.
4. **RSGB IOTA Contest** – This is a multi-op/mixed-mode 24-hour event being held on July 24-25.
5. **National Lighthouse Day** – Andy Durette, KB1HIP, will contact the Boca Grande Lighthouse ranger to see if TARC can set up a station for this event on August 7-8.
6. **TARC Web Site** – Paul, KN4BAR, successfully upgraded the security on the TARC website. If you are interested in becoming a webmaster backup, please contact Paul.
7. **Future Location of Club Meetings** – In anticipation of holding in person monthly club meetings again, the club will be paying \$10/night to reserve the Community Room at Venice City Hall September through December.

8. **Financials** – Frank, W2XYZ, reported that everything looks good with no extraordinary issues.
9. **Repeater Maintenance Committee** – Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, mentioned that the tower guys have yet to commit to a return date. We are still expecting the AV-680 antenna to be shipped June 21, 2021. Frank, W2XYZ, replaced the EchoLink PC with the software upgrade and all seems to be working well. We will be promoting the remote station on the TARC website.
10. **VE Testing** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned that he had three candidates in May; two received their Tech license and one upgraded to General.
11. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on June 5, 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.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.