

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 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 - absent	Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR
Andy Durette, KB1HIP - absent	Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO – absent
Chet Fennell, KG4IYS	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF - absent
Gary Hagens, K6OC - absent	San Yoder, K3SY

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **Fox Hunts** – Paul, KN4BAR, is planning two fox hunt practices in the upcoming weeks; the dates will be announced at the next club meeting. Paul said a couple club members have already signed up for the Tamiami Fox Hunt scheduled for October 23.
2. **Field Day** – Frank, W2XYZ, reported that it was a fun event and results will be posted in the December QST issue.
3. **National Lighthouse Day** – TARC participated from the Boca Grande Lighthouse on August 7 and had many contacts, especially from hams who wanted to work POTA. In the future, we may be interested in just doing Parks On The Air for this event. Nearby parks include Myakka River State Park, Oscar Scherer State Park, and Myakka Forest State Park.
4. **DB18 SteppIR antenna** – This antenna is no longer available and the owner has removed it from its location.
5. **Tax Exemption Status** – Steve, NS4P, mentioned TARC purchases are tax exempt through May 31, 2026. Frank, W2XYZ, will set up a corporate account on Amazon so the club can take advantage of the tax savings.
6. **Life Member Proposals** – San, K3SY, will present to membership for vote the names of two life member candidates.

7. **SERC Training** – Paul, KN4BAR, noted that TARC’s assistance with training is no longer needed as SERC has cancelled the classes due to lack of interest.
8. **Financials** – Frank, W2XYZ, reported that everything looks good with no extraordinary issues.
9. **Repeater Maintenance Committee** – Chet, KG4IYS, mentioned the Bridgecom 2M repeater was repaired and reinstalled. The tower guys are still busy on higher priority projects. Chet will request a clean copy of the lease agreement from Jon for signing.
10. **Remote HF** – Just a reminder that club members who want to use the remote station must initially contact Tom, W8QJF, or Chet, KG4IYS, to register. Please do not share the password among members.
11. **VE Testing** – Steve, NS4P, announced we were back at the library for the August VE session and we had eight candidates who passed. Tom, W8QJF, and Tom Porada, W4IEE, are working on creating fillable PDFs so candidates can populate their own personal data on the various ARRL forms prior to the VE session.
12. **Holiday Party** – The Board wants to proceed with a holiday party in December. Steve will discuss this with Jim, KJ4NDO, upon his return.
13. **Club Meetings** – The September club meeting will be via Zoom. The Board will determine the location of future club meetings on a month-to-month basis.
14. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on October 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.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.