

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2021

The meeting was held via video conference. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:02 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	Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO
Chet Fennell, KG4IYS	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF
Gary Hagens, K6OC - absent	San Yoder, K3SY

Summary of topics discussed:

1. **Holiday Party** – To date, we have 33 people attending the holiday party at Left Coast Seafood Co. The final count will be given on Thursday, December 9.
2. **TARC 2022 Officers and Board of Directors elections** – San, K3SY, has identified a vice president and several director candidates. He is still working on identifying a Recording Secretary.
3. **Antenna Expo** – Tom, KN4ONE, reported the expo was a lot of fun. All the board members thanks Tom for setting up a very successful event.
4. **AREDN link** - Paul, KN4BAR, reported that the three 2.4 GHz sector antennas have been installed on the tower. The 5 GHz link antenna was not able to be installed and will have to be put up later. Some additional work needs to be done to set up the Internet tunnel.
5. **Winter Field Day** – Steve, NS4P, will check availability of the USCGA for WFD January 28-30. The club will set up CW and SSB stations. The USCGA has requested assistance in identifying a new HF radio.
6. **Bus to Hamcation** – Frank, W2XYZ, will be reserving a 55-passenger bus to Hamcation on February 12. The cost will be \$40 per person, which includes a tip for the driver. A \$10 deposit will reserve a seat on a first come first serve basis. The remaining balance is due before getting on the bus.

7. **Jerry Spears Memorial Donation** – The BOD is recommending purchasing a used 500-Watt solid state amplifier (at Hamcation) with money from Jerry Spears estate.
8. **Financials** – San suggested that a small committee be formed to perform an audit of the TARC financials. We will be asking for volunteers at the next club meeting. Frank and Paul, KN4BAR, will be working on the 2022 budget. New purchases may include an amplifier, a portable AREDN station, a parabolic antenna, and a new mast.
9. **Repeater Maintenance Committee** - Chet, KG4IYS, reported a full repeater maintenance update is in The Communicator. In summary, the tower guys installed 2.4 GHz AREDN antennas and a tower light, replaced existing VHF coax with hard line, re-tensioned the guy wires, and removed the old coax recently. In the new year, we will replace the wooden cable bridge with an aluminum bridge.
10. **Remote HF** – Tom, W8QJF, said the HF station is working well. Tom and Chip Estabrooks, WOOS, trenched and buried the transmission line.
11. **VE Testing** – The November candidates used the fillable PDF form created by Tom, W8QJF, and Tom Porada, W4IEE with minimal issues. There are three people scheduled for the December VE session.
12. **Next BOD Meeting** - The next BOD meeting will be on January 8, 2022 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 2:36 PM.