

BOD Minutes

Officers for 2023;

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, President
Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, Vice President, Absent (Excused)
Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, Recording Secretary
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer

Directors for 2023;

Tom Babcock, K7ONE Absent	San Yoder, K3SY
Peter Boers, KV4LR Absent (Excused)	Steve Phillips, NS4P
Tom Shrilla, W8QJF	Brian Jacobson, W1JBD
Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS	Chet Fennell, KG4IYS

The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm via Zoom

Old Business:

1. 2023 Winter Field Day, Follow- up; Frank W2XYZ

Acquired a Buddipole for Club use at events. The 10M bandpass filter ordered for the Club is on an 8 week backorder. Chet Fennell KG4IYS bought a 40 / 80 M Lo Band antenna, on E- Bay and donated it to the Club

2. Bus to HamCation, Orlando Feb. 11 Follow- up; Frank W2XYZ

The trip went well and was enjoyed. Cost was slightly over break even by \$50.00 and the driver was tipped \$100.00. This trip will be planned for next year.

3. Discuss and consider savings account / CD for Club Reserve funds Follow-up; Frank W2XYZ

An account was opened in the amount of \$15,000 at Vanguard Brokerage, interest rate 4.43% annual yield. Some discussion took place as to utilization of available funds, and this item is tabled for further discussion at April's BOD meeting

4. Shark's Tooth 5 and 10k Race; Steve NS4P

Event went very well, 5K will take place tomorrow (Sunday). Event personnel were very pleased with TARC's participation. Steve's planning of the event was excellent.

5. BBQ & Q, March 25th; Paul KN4BAR

46 paid to attend at this time, expected deadline is 3/12. A donation resulted in two free tickets available., this item will be on next Member's meeting agenda.

6. Discuss TARC's standing with Florida's Department of Consumer Affairs as to non-requirement for annual filings; Frank W2XYZ

It was determined that TARC is not required to file an annual report with the above agency, per regulations

7. Florida St. Parks on the Air, April 1 & 2; Paul KN4BAR

Tentative plans are go, exact details TBD. This event follows the picnic, which may create interest in this event. Likely to be hosted at Oscar Scherer State Park. Will be announced at next Membership meeting.

8. Florida QSO Party, April 29 & 30; Paul KN4BAR
This event is expected to take place at Al's cottage, K0AL, using antennas at his site. Plans are not final, but forthcoming.

New Business:

1. Add SDR receiver and loop antenna to remote HF station; Tom W8QJF

Tom shared information on items to be considered for upgrade of remote station. Including RSPdx receiver, (multi antenna port), two wide- band loop antennas, antenna feedlines/ coax and a Diamond D130J discone antenna. This item is continued to April's BOD meeting.

2. Revisit Remote and clarify policy for HF remote station eligibility requirements for usage by Club members; Tom, W8QJF & Chet KG4IYS

Discussion resulted in a consensus that policy guidelines we have are fine. Any issues that occur can be resolved by the BOD.

3. Technician License Upgrade contest; Paul KN4BAR

Paul proposed an incentive to encourage FCC license upgrades, (i.e. Tech to General, General to Extra, etc.). That TARC would cover cost for exam fees, provide a \$50.00 gift card towards ham radio items, and a one year TARC club membership. The term of this incentive will expire on June 30th 2023.

The above item became a motion made by Paul Nienaber KN4BAR. The motion was seconded by Gary Youngberg, W8SKI and was passed by unanimous voice vote. This item will be announced at the next Membership Meeting on March 8.

4. Review of Secretary's records for club online and banking information accounts, user names, passwords, etc.; Gary W8SKI

Discussion resulted in a procedure that passwords and log in- data be preserved in written form and placed in a sealed envelope by the individual in charge of the particular project. The sealed envelope(s) would then be placed in the Secretary's file for storage in a folder designated for that purpose.

Included would be Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, Webmaster, related log- ins, Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ Treasurer, related log-ins, Dwight Sullivan KT4DDS, Public Information Officer, related log-ins, and Steve Phillips NS4P, TARC Liaison to the ARRL, related log ins.

5. Donations to the Club, issuance of thank you letters, by whom; discussion; Paul KN4BAR

The Secretary has the forms used when donated items are received by the Club
Frank, W2XYZ suggested in the event of a donation, let the Secretary know so they can be acknowledged.

6. Outreach to school board and administrators- ARRL program; Paul, KN4BAR
Patti Phillips N4IG initiated this last year, the ARRL has a program designed to assist educators in promoting Amateur Radio to local students. This item will be announced for discussion at the upcoming March 8 Membership Meeting.

7. Review of the TARC tri- fold brochure for need and kind of update; Dwight; KT4DDS
The last brochure produced was done by Tom Porada four years ago, and some changes have taken place since then. Ordinary paper applications are available at meetings and do not need to be part of the glossy brochure. Board members were asked to send suggested pamphlet revisions to Dwight for a draft of the new brochure to be presented to the board for review and approval.

8. PIO ideas & Progress Report; Dwight KT4DDS
Gave a summary of PIO related matters, FaceBook page followers, now 250 as well of FB postings on HamCation bus to Orlando, upcoming activities, Fox Hunt, Shark's tooth 10K run, and general activities of the Club. Informed that TARC is joining Venice MainStreet Organization and in their online directory.
Discussed updating the glossy Club pamphlet, and membership application.
TARC will not be participating at the Boca Grande Lighthouse event.

9. Update on Sarasota County Fair; Paul KN4BAR
SERC is hosting this event. TARC members are planned to attend to the booth on Monday March 20 and Wednesday March 22. Paul will be attending their planning meeting on March 13. This event will be announced at the next Membership Meeting on March 8.

10. Does TARC want to engage SMH regarding putting ham radio assets on the new Wellen Park SMH Hospital? Steve NS4P.
SERC has been involved with SMH at other hospital locations. Wellen Park has a six story building, mention of using a mast + antenna for possible NXDN use. SERC may be shedding some of its projects and this may result in a collaboration with TARC. No action can or should be taken at this time.

Any Other New Business?

Paul mentioned the Shark's Tooth Craft Festival, April 22, & 23 as a special event. Gave guidelines, phone & CW. Electronic logging is mandatory. Individual license privileges apply, special event call K4S. After considerable discussion the board decided to NOT take a booth at the event this year. Some board members felt that the venue was too small and not good for antenna placement(s). Steve NS4P will coordinate a Sked of member home QTH stations to operate during the event.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Youngberg
W8SKI
Recording Secretary