

**Tamiami Amateur Radio Club**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Sunday, January 11th, 2026, 1:30 PM

**BOD Agenda**

**Officers for 2026.**

Chet Fennell KG4IYS, President  
Frank Wroblewski W2XYZ, Vice President  
Lou Ronnau KC4LR, Recording Secretary  
Dwight Sullivan KT4DS, Treasurer

**Directors for 2026.**

Steve Phillips NS4P  
Paul Nienaber KN4BAR  
Jim Miller N7JIM  
Allan Culbert K0AL  
Roger McEntarfer N9RM

**Do we have a quorum? Yes**

**Review and approve meeting minutes from December 6th, 2025 BOD meeting as published on the TARC's website.** Moved, seconded and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report. Dwight Sullivan KT4DS.** Moved, seconded and accepted.

**Old Business:**

1. Winter Field Day Frank - setup 1/24 @ 9am at the Venice Gardens Civic Center. Field day starts @ 11am until 10 or 11pm. Field day continues the 25th @ 8am. Voice, CW, and PSK31 or RTTY modes only, no FT8/FT4. The stations and computers need to be on emergency power, 100W max for station emission. We should have two hex beams, we'll borrow Steve's Hexbeam also. Paul will copy the bulletin.
2. Bus to Hamcation, 20 sign-ups as of 1/11, need 35 to break even. TARC will eat the cost if we don't have enough sign-ups. Departure from Sharky's at 6:15, second pick-up at ARC on Cantu Court at 6:45. Paul will promote the bus to other area clubs after the January meeting.
3. Christmas Party results, ~57 in attendance. Very nice venue, almost broke even. Income 3558.28 vs. expenses of 3895. Will try to get John N3PQD to follow up with the Venetian.
4. Repeater Site, tower climber is being scheduled, either Jeff or Jared. Steve is scheduling.
5. FL State POTA will run from April 17th to April 20th. Flyers have been printed. W4AC will operate from Myakka River S.P. on Friday 4/17 and Oscar Sherer S.P. on Saturday the 18th. Paul will present at the membership meeting. Jim will lightly organize the Myakka River activity, Paul will do the same for Oscar Sherer.

**New Business:**

1. Credit Card. A credit card offers much more financial protection than a debit card. Steve will contact ARRL and Dwight will check with the bank.
2. Donation from Mike KA1ZFO (AI)
3. Sarasota Half Marathon participation (yesterday)
4. TARC BBQ @ Oscar Sherer S.P., 3/22/26, Pitmasters Jim & Chip, \$12/person, POTA station will be deployed, no door prizes.

5. ARRL Digital Networking publication. No club participation.
6. Encouraging more membership participation, we'll offer BoD meeting guest attendance. Creation of additional standing committees.
7. Should we formalize some standing committees? Nomination committee, Bylaw Review committee, the following new committees were voted into existence. BBQ committee with Jim as chair, Youth Outreach committee with Roger as chair, Digital committee with Lou as chair, Christmas Party committee, with John N3PQD as chair, Account Admin and Website committee with Paul as chair, and a Repeater committee and VE committee with Steve as chair.
8. Optical EME presentation by Hop AC8NS, discussion was that there was not enough interest.
9. AREDN Mesh network @ SMH-V <https://www.arednmesh.org/> we own the hardware already. Paul will investigate.
10. FM Hamfest Day announcements
11. Appointment of Karl Downing KD8LXA to TARC PIO, Dwight will turnover PIO duties to Karl
12. Participation approval and registration for April events, Shark Tooth Festival and FLSPOTA. Paul will submit and reserve the K4S callsign.

**Any Other New Business:**

1. A quick review of first of the year paperwork requirements for the club, ARRL, FASMA, QRZ, [Repeaterbook.com](http://Repeaterbook.com) updates.
2. Steve will reach out for the Megladon Weekend 5k, 10k, March 7th & 8th.
3. Streamline dues collection with Hamclub Online instead of our website. Cash and checks are still accepted. General discussion about expiring members and retention.
4. John Gimer presentation about Sarasota Military Academy
5. We will buy 300 Tamiami ARC stickers for sale. Jim provided a sample.
6. Brief discussion about QCWA promotion and membership.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 3:30 pm

Next BOD meeting – Sunday, February 8th, 2026 at 1:30 PM at Chet's QTH, (Superbowl Sunday)

Respectfully submitted,  
Lou Ronnau KC4LR  
Recording Secretary