

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, March 5, 2022, 1 PM (via Zoom)

Minutes of TARC Board of Directors

Called to Order at 1:09 pm

Officers:

Steve Phillips – NS4P, President
Paul Neinaber, KN4BAR, Vice President
Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, Recording Secretary
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer (absent)

Directors

Tom Babcock, KN4ONE (Absent)	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF
Peter Boers, KV4LR	Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS
Patti Phillips, N4IGI	San Yoder, K3SY
Jim Shorthill, KJ4NDO	John Zenner, N3PQD (absent)

Topics:

1. FLSPOTA Event Planning for Sunday 4/3 at Oscar Shearer St. Park, development of a finished operating plan – Paul
Informed that about a dozen have signed up for event, Dwight KT4DDS mentioned he knows of Oscar Shearer staff. Object is making QSO's with and between hams at other Florida State Parks. Possible 3 HF bands available for use, deciding on QRP or hi power, modes mentioned were USB and FSK, discussion on use of portable generator at site. Suggestion bring tent and chairs.
2. AREDN - Paul
Gave information on pending modification(s) for SRQ omni antenna, performance poor. Mentioned weak signal on receive, possibly attenuation from inserted coax line filter. Planning to co- ordinate with SRQ antenna, aiming to optimize signal strength.
3. Bus to Hamcation
A shortfall of \$200.00 was noted on the charter transportation cost.
A motion was made to authorize the Club subsidizing the cost by Steve Phillips, N4SP. The motion was seconded by Paul Neinaber, KN4BAR and was carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. Jerry Spears memorial donation, Discussion
Discussion took place as to purchase to obtain an MFJ TeleTuner (automatic) Or an HF (linear) amplifier. Mentioned during discussion
5. Training / Mentoring of New Hams—Paul
Noted that 11 First Year Members (gratis, following passing of testing) lost due to non- renewal. Discussion took place on possible events of interest to new hams, PODA event, possible planning of time of 1 hour before regular member meetings as a time where introductory items could be given. Also Saturdays considered.

Also mentioned was sharing with those taking FCC tests, resource materials for mentoring purposes and availability of Elmer resources.

Discussion resulted on the possibility of having a “How To” intended for new hams at 6:00 pm, prior to TARC's April meeting, on Wednesday, April 13

6. 10K Races, Rothenbach Park on 3/5, 3/6 – Steve (for any updates)
Reported the 10K event went well, small RC aircraft crashed nearby, no injuries. Event lasted four hours, and several new volunteers came to the event.

7. 3YOJ Bouvet Island Expedition donation – Steve
This item was tabled.

8. Discuss Suggestions for possible improvements to WIFI / Internet distribution system at Venice Presbyterian, and Video / Live Stream possibilities from TARC Meetings at Fellowship Hall. Mention of Email from Tom Porada. Explained that there is no camera installed in Fellowship Hall.

9. 2022 Budget – Frank
Shortfall for Hamcation bus was mentioned, see Item no. 3 (Hamvention).

10. Repeater Maintenance Committee Update – Steve
Explained that tower climbing specialist likely to be available during last week of March, estimating between \$550 and \$800.00 for moving upward on the tower the three 2.4 GHz AREDN Sector antennas and installing the 5 GHz link antenna. HF station users must use own U.S. call sign and must use within bounds of their license class (See following Remote Station Update).

11, Remote Club Station Update – Tom S. & Frank W. (Re, allowable access)
Discussion took place on developing user access policy. Mentioned risk of user improperly using remote station out of their license class. User should have at least four attendances at TARC membership meetings per year, and other user credentials.

12, VE Testing – Steve
No candidates scheduled as of the date of the meeting

13. Club Meeting Program topic – Paul, “AREDN, an Overview” (3/9/2022)
Will give an overview of AREDN and information on its infrastructure and local system and other participating Ham organizations.

14. Other new business -- Steve
None heard.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Youngberg
W8SKI

Recording Secretary