

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, July 13, 2024, 1 PM (via Zoom)

MEETING MINUTES

Officers for 2024;

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, President
Steve Froggatt, KN4NFX, Vice President
Randy Aitken, KO4PIV Recording Secretary
Bob McAlister, KN4RKE Treasurer

Directors for 2024;

Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS	Steve Phillips, NS4P
Brian Jacobson, W1JBD (ABSENT)	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF (ABSENT)
Gary Youngberg, W8SKI (ABSENT)	Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ

Guest:

Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM.

Do we have a quorum? Yes

Motion to Accept June Meeting minutes by, Steve Phillips NS4P, seconded by Steve Froggatt KN4NFX.

Old Business:

1. Yeasu DR-2 repeater was decided against.
2. SDR receiver project not yet completed. Talk about it again in August.
3. 2 meter antenna replacement on Englewood tower. Steve and Paul have both made repeated attempts to schedule the climber and that we will continue to do so. Talk about it again in August.

New Business:

1. Propane tank at tower was discussed and will be further evaluated in Nov. after hurricane season is over.
2. Contact information sign for Repeater Bldg. It was decided that it is not necessary.
3. 2024 BOI Report was decided that is not necessary.
4. Pineview High School- Paul Nienaber KN4BAR, and Tom Waters KE4RXM, are working with the school on the ARISS program. Paul KN4BAR wants to apply for a 26k grant to add more equipment to the school (See #5). Further talks about the antennas needed with the school. Steve Phillips NS4P, volunteered his equipment as the backup station for them. Board Agrees with all presented.
5. ARRL Foundation has a grant program. We qualify for 2 of them. 1) Stem related development and 2) Interaction with New Hams. The deadline is July 26th to apply. Paul KN4BAR.
6. USCG Auxiliary Donation for use of Property during Field Day events. We will pay \$75.00 a

day. Totaling \$150.00 for the two days of use. Robert Spong was contacted and check has been mailed.

7. After Action Report.

1) Replace laptops. Discussed in the budget section today. All agreed to buy 2 new laptops.

2) Amplifier problems need to be addressed. Test current amp and we have one in the club that needs to be looked over, (ALS-600) Steve NS4P.

They submitted a report, and I uploaded it to groups.io, BOD files, under "Field Day", for future review. We need to investigate establishing a "group" for all events to handle oversight of setup and monitor the daily functions, instead of 1 or 2 people. Board agrees but would like to include a Board member for oversight of the group. We will discuss again next month with Rich and Tom.

8. Budget for 2024/25- Bob McAlister KN4RKE and Paul Nienaber KN4BAR. Discussed with present board members.

Any Other New Business:

1. Send a Thank You Letter to John Howler from the tribune. Dwight Sullivan KT4DDS
2. Fire Chief would like to talk to us about emergency preparedness. Paul KN4BAR had some other insight to this situation to review. Dwight Sullivan KT4DDS.
3. Adjust Budget for equipment insurance. Bob McAlister KN4RKE
4. Zoom Fees, Steve Phillips NS4P, pays it every year. TARC will reimburse him from now on.
5. TARC has a reservation for Plantation Christmas party. We already paid the \$1k deposit. (Sept meeting, bring up \$75 fee for our own Bartender).
6. Motion for Treasurer to maintain at least \$5k in checking account every month. Transfer excess to Money Market account.
7. Transfer Paypal money at anytime to checking account instead of holding it in Paypal account. Bob McAlister KN4RKE

Motion to adjourn by Steve NS4P, seconded by Bob KN4RKE at 2:24pm.

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, August 10 , 2024 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted:

Randy Aitken KO4PIV,
TARC Secretary