

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

Officers:

Steve Phillips, NS4P, President
Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, Vice President
Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, Recording Secretary
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer

Board of Directors:

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

Minutes

Meeting via Zoom was called to order a 1:03 pm

Topics & Discussions

- AREDN - Paul KN4BAR, Paul stated that the h SERC Club had finished installation of the 5 GHz antenna pointed at the Englewood site. Paul explained the coordination of Ham Wi-fi channels in 5Ghz and 2.4Ghz bands, and directional aiming of the various antennas for optimal Signal strength. Explained plan to raise three antennas by 50 feet, to new height, 150 feet AGL. Awaiting information of tower climbing services.
- Winter Field Day – Frank W2XYZ, gave summary of numerous simplex contacts, contest reports being sent in, wrapping up and generally an enjoyable experience.
- Bus to Hamcation – Frank W2XYZ, informed us that 24 riders signed up for Orlando Hamfest, hoping that 11 more may sign up for trip. The Board agreed that bus will run regardless of shortfall. Paul Kn4BAR will reach out to the Sarasota club to see if there is additional interest from that area.
- Jerry Spears memorial donation – Steve NS4P, Search for Amplifier and Tuner continuing.
- 2022 Budget – Frank W2XYZ, nothing to report this month (it's the first month of the year).
- Financial Audit – Peter KV4LR and Patti N4IGI completed audit and summary letter was received by the Secretary for filing. (Note Letter dtd 1/31/2022)

Repeater Maintenance Committee Update – Steve NS4P, Explained that MicroSoft update unexpectedly threw off audio settings, re-installing Echo Link was solution. Frank made a change to EchoLink to drop connections after 5 minutes of inactivity.

- Remote Club Station Update – Tom W8QJF, Mentioned some noise present, generally good coverage, audio good, clear. Discussion ensued on usage by others (not TARC members), noted need to develop a specific policy / guideline as to its use.

Sharks Tooth Festival Status - Jim Shortill KJ4NDO, will follow up to check status of the Festival. Noted, their FaceBook has not been recently updated

Training / Mentoring of New Hams - Paul KN4BAR, Noted TARC Site has an "Ask Elmer" feature. Membership is free for one year for new licensees. Discussion took place on other methods of mentoring new hams, inviting them to outside events

10K Races, Rothenbach Park on 3/5, 3/6 – Steve NS4P, informed that he was aware of about ½ dozen volunteers for the event and looking for more. Mentioned the N4SER 2M repeater 147.39-, 100Hz PL designated use for this event.

General Discussion / Helpful info on meeting space at VPC Fellowship Hall - Gary W8SKI, informed that he will be on hand shortly after 6 pm to help in setup for first meeting at VPC Fellowship Hall. American Flag will be on hand for the pledge. Suggesting that thank you card(s) be passed around for all to sign, which will go to the administration of Venice Presbyterian Church.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.

- Next BOD meeting – Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Youngberg
W8SKI
Recording Secretary

2/8/2022