

## BOD MINUTES

### Officers for 2023;

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

### Directors for 2023;

Tom Babcock, K7ONE	San Yoder, K3SY
Peter Boers, KV4LR [ABSENT]	Steve Phillips, NS4P
Tom Shrilla, W8QJF [ABSENT]	Brian Jacobson, W1JBD
Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS	Chet Fennell, KG4IYS

### Old Business:

1. 2023 Winter Field Day, Follow- up, Frank  
Event was a good experience, 31 participated, with good operators, 24 hour duration.
2. Bus to HamCation, Orlando Feb. 11, Frank  
33 riders have signed up, fares will be at break- even. Also, overall cost of charter reduced some, from \$1,700 to \$1,625.00.
3. Discuss and consider savings account / CD for Club Reserve funds, Paul/Frank Stearns does have a higher interest yield CD available to Non- Profits @ 3.25%. Discussion took place and motion was made by Dwight, KT4DDS to transfer \$15,000 of TARC reserve funds to a CD for a term of one year, or to an online interest bearing savings account. The motion was seconded by Steve, NS4P and was passed with unanimous voice vote. Frank and Paul to investigate these options further and make an appropriate deposit.
4. Shark's Tooth 5 and 10k Race, Steve  
Steve will follow- up with Karen of Shark's Tooth Race, early in March.
5. BBQ&Q, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Paul  
The above date is good for the picnic, location is at Oscar Shearer State Park. New storefront link has been setup for sign- up and payment, to attend the picnic.
6. AV-680 Assemble and Install, Steve  
Steve's schedule is not easily available for assembly of the antenna, this item continues as old business. [See Secretary's further notes about this item].
7. Fox Hunt, February 18<sup>th</sup>, @ 1pm, Paul  
Paul will send an email blast via Groups IO for promotion.

## New Business:

1. Shark's Tooth Festival, resuming, April 22 & 23, 2023, Vendor deadline 2/19/2023, Paul/Steve  
Information realized that there are no free spaces, smallest space is 10 X10'. Likely very little or no room for an antenna. Overall consensus of the BOD is not to seek a place or booth for this year. A motion was made by Paul, KN4BAR **not** to have a booth at the Shark's Tooth Festival in 2023. The motion was seconded by Gary, W8SKI and was passed by a majority vote. Since TARC already has the QSL cards, reservation of the K3S call sign, and a QST magazine notice to be published in April, Steve, NS4P will organize details of a multi-station K4S event from club members homes during the festival.  
  
Discussion took place considering TARC joining Venice Main Street (a community organization) for more exposure for Ham Radio in the Venice Community. [See further info on this item in Dwight's PIO summary, following].
2. SERC Workshop, to pare tech assets in the County, Paul  
Explained that SERC has new leadership, with shortage of those which maintain infrastructure(s). Various systems mentioned, (i.e. packet, 2M repeaters, etc.) Some individuals in TARC could be interested in assisting with some maintenance. Will be on agenda for next Membership meeting. Paul will represent TARC at the February 25<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting.
3. Florida State Parks on the Air, April 1 & 2, Paul  
Notice pertaining this event has not taken place yet. It is possible to activate by means of individual call sign or club call sign W4AC; but control operator questions need to be resolved. Paul will remain as the point of contact. This item will continue to March's BOD meeting when details of the event will be known.
4. Florida QSO Party, April 29 & 30, Paul  
Frank, W2XYZ, foresees using two transmitters at Al's QTH and using his existing antennas. This item will continue to March's BOD meeting.
5. Formal TARC Bequest Program, discussion, Paul  
Discussions took place as to a record (in advance of passing) of foreseeable donations (bequests). Most board members did not see any value in having a formal program. The board decided not to move forward with this idea.
6. Florida; contribution, solicitations, annual report, registration, Paul  
A short discussion took place as to TARC's status / relationship to the rules and policies of non- profit and charitable organizations in Florida with regard to the annual reporting requirements of the Florida Department of Consumer Affairs. Further review of this matter will be continued at March's BOD meeting.
7. Consumer's Certificate of Exemption, in Florida, (thru 5/31/2026), Frank

This certificate appears to be current and is valid through May 31, 2026.

8. PIO ideas & Progress Report, Dwight  
Dwight gave detailed summary of Club events and matters, i.e. HamCation charter bus, Winter Field Day(s), calendar of TARC activities including upcoming Club Picnic. Mentioned and discussed was Venice Main Street, a local community organization. Resulting in a motion by Jim, KJ4NDO to request Membership at next meeting to decide as to TARC joining Venice Main Street. The annual member fee being \$125.00. The motion was seconded by Gary, W8SKI and was passed by BOD unanimous voice vote.
9. TARC has been invited to join the SW Florida DMR cluster, Frank, W2XYZ. Frank, KF5IW wrote invite to TARC seeking approval for adding a regional talk group ID to our DMR repeater. Frank explained adding the talk group to our DMR repeater would provide continuous coverage of the talk group from Ft. Myers to Bradenton and that it does not appear to have any adverse impact on our DMR repeater. No board members objected to adding this talk group to our club DMR repeater.
10. Discuss possibility of TARC purchasing a Buddipole Hexbeam antenna and a DuneStar band- pass filter for 10M. Also discussed the need for better low band (HF) antenna(s) for 160, 80, 40 M for future field day activities. A motion was made to move forward with the purchase of a BuddiHex antenna from Chip, W0OS for \$625 and to purchase at Hamcation a tripod and mast to support the BuddiHex. Total cost not to exceed the \$1,200 already approved by the membership in our 2023 operating budget. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Discuss invitation to TARC to join the Sarasota County Fair Ham Radio Demo Station, March 17- 26, 2023, Paul

Discussion took place on selecting two dates for TARC members to join the Demo Station; Monday, March 20 and Wednesday March 22. A motion was made by Paul, KN4BAR to join and assist the above Demo Station on these dates. The motion was seconded by Steve, NS4P and was passed by unanimous voice vote. Volunteers to staff the booth were Paul, Brian, San, Jim, and Steve. This event will be included in the agenda for Wednesday's February 8 Membership Meeting.

**Any Other New Business:**

Further discussion took place for the MFJ AV-680, and offering this antenna for sale at the Orlando Hamcation. A motion was made by Chet, KG4IYS, that the AV-680 be offered for sale at Orlando Hamcation for full current price of \$740 or to a club member for \$650. The motion was seconded by Paul, KN4BAR and was passed by unanimous voice vote.

[Secretary's Note] The above antenna was locally sold by the Club for \$650 to a club member shortly after the BOD's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Youngberg, W8SKI  
Recording Secretary

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM via Zoom