

MEETING MINUTES

Officers for 2024;

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, President
Steve Froggatt, Vice President
Art Wester, W4NUM, Recording Secretary (**ABSENT**)
Bob McAlister, KN4RKE Treasurer (**ABSENT**)

Directors for 2024;

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

Guest: Tom KE4RXM (**ABSENT**)

Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm

Do we have a quorum? Two Officers and a majority of the board members were present for the meeting.

Meeting minutes from April 6, 2024 prior BOD meeting and the two special board meetings held on April 8 and 15, 2024 as published on the TARC's website: <https://tamiamiarc.org/officers-and-directors>.
Motion to accept by Dwight KT4DDS, Seconded by Steve KN4NFX. **APPROVED.**

Old Business:

1. Proposed SDR receiver with a mag loop antenna at our repeater site. Tom W8QJF (**TABLED**)
2. 2 meter repeater antenna status. Paul KN4BAR reported that the climber was successful at straightening the antenna and properly securing it to the tower. He took pictures and made notes to facilitate installation of the replacement antenna. It has been ordered and is in transit by motor freight. No delivery date has been given; but a work team will need to meet the truck at the repeater site to unload and secure it when delivered. We should ask for volunteers at the membership meeting.

New Business:

1. Membership meeting minutes distribution? Art KN4NUM, Tom KE4RXM, Paul KN4BAR
Paul presented several options for how to better distribute membership meeting minutes noting that publication in the newsletter has been done forever and members do not see the minutes until several weeks after a meeting. After some discussion, Steve KN4NFX made a motion, slightly amended by Frank W2XYZ and seconded by Brian W1JBD to ask the membership to approve publication of the meeting minutes as soon as they are approved by the board and to be distributed directly to club members by email using the same list as used to distribute the newsletter; and that copy of the club minutes still be included with the monthly newsletter either within its body or as an attachment for those members that typically don't like to read their email. **APPROVED.**
2. Welcome new Treasurer, Bob KN4RKE, Paul KN4BAR (**TABLED**)
3. Field Day 2024, June 22-23. Paul KN4BAR stated that planning needed to begin soon. Frank W2XYZ stated that he expected to be recovered well enough from his surgery by then to still be the planner and manager of the event; perhaps with some assistance. It was decided to ask Tom W4IEE and Tom KE4RXM if they would be willing to work with Frank for this event. Paul KN4BAR to contact both individuals and try to arrange a meeting with Frank before his surgery on May 9th.
4. More inclusion and participation? Tom W8QJF (**TABLED**)
5. After Meeting Speakers. We need some. Steve KN4NFX stated he has San K3SY doing a program after May's meeting titled "A Story, Story". After some discussion it was decided that the after meeting program for June should be a preparation for Field Day in June focusing on how to use the logging software, good contesting etiquette and procedure, and how to use the IC-7300 radio. Paul KN4BAR to find someone(s) to do this.

6. KDWRadio Station Move Update. Sooner than expected. Paul KN4BAR reported that great progress has been made in this regard. Details were given to the board but are not yet for full public release. A move of the radio stations transmitter, antenna, and tower; along with the W4AC repeater to the downtown Wellen Park area could happen within months. The nonprofit radio station, WKDW, has asked for technical assistance in dismantling there equipment at the Warm Mineral Springs location and re-installing and testing it at the new location. Paul KN4BAR will ask for volunteers at the membership meeting. Steve KN4NFX asked if there were any anticipated costs to the club associated with the move and Paul KN4BAR said no other than the club may consider replacing the repeater LMR-400 feed line with hardline. Frank W2XYZ suggested this could also be done later after the fact. Frist, we need to know the exact locations for the radio room and tower before any decisions can be made.

Any Other New Business:

Brian W1JBD reminded the board that the club had started a new annual tradition of doing “Ham Radio Day at the Library” in 2023 when we donated a number of ham radio related books to the county library system. He motioned that the club approves of doing the event again on or about the 2nd Saturday of October, 2024, at the Venice public library as before. This was seconded by Steve KN4NFX and **APPROVED**. Paul KN4BAR to notify the membership at this month’s meeting.

Dwight KT4DDS stated we have about 450 tri-fold brochures remaining. Everyone agreed this was enough to support Field Day and that the cost of a new order of brochures for later in the year be included in the 2024-25 budget to be prepared this summer.

Motion to adjourn by Steve KN4NSF, seconded by Dwight KT4DDS, MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:57 pm

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, June 6, 2024 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted: Paul KN4BAR, president