

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, September 5th, 2026, 1:30 PM @ Chet's QTH and via [Google Meet](#)

MEETING MINUTES

Officers for 2026.

Chet Fennell KG4IYS, President
Frank Wroblewski W2XYZ, Vice President
Lou Ronnau KC4LR, Recording Secretary
Dwight Sullivan KT4DS, Treasurer

Directors for 2026.

Steve Phillips NS4P	Allan Culbert K0AL
Paul Nineaber KN4BAR	Roger McEntarfer N9RM
Jim Miller N7JIM	

Guests: Dan W4DOD and Tom W4IEE

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM

Do we have a quorum: Yes

Review and approve BOD meeting minutes from June 6th, 2026

1st Paul

2nd Chet

Treasurer's Report: Tabled after preliminary budget workshop

Old Business:

1. Budget Discussion
2. Christmas Dinner at Hotel Venezia
 - a. December 2nd
 - b. Price will remain the same
3. November Elections
 - a. We have a complete slate
 - b. TARC will stay with 5 directors
 - c. Board meetings are open to membership

New Business:

1. PVS SatCom Project
 - a. Tabled until November, possibly in the Spring
2. TARC and PVS Pico Balloon projects this fall
 - a. One payload is ready to fly
 - b. We have lots of trackers ready
 - c. PVS has equipment also
 - d. Launch after the rainy season ends
3. SMA ARISS contact mission possibly in October now?
 - a. 3rd week in October 16th, to the 25th
 - b. TARC will supply the backup station, 9700, antenna, etc.
 - c. Steve possibly travelling, we need to train an alternate
 - d. Call for volunteers at next meeting
4. Ambassador Program Dan W4DOD

- a. New member onboarding process to close the “welcome gap”
 - i. 0 to 90 days of membership
- b. Recruit ambassadors at next meeting
- c. TARC cheat sheet including board members, net schedules, etc.
- d. Ham Club On-Line sends a new member email
- e. Goal is to encourage participation in club activities, remote station, and nets
- f. Interrogate the new member for their interests
- g. Adjunct to the Elmer program
- h. Dan will speak about this at the membership meeting
5. Dan W4DOD's Makers Proposal
 - a. Hands on build program
 - b. Small groups, 5 to 7 people building the same kit
 - c. Self-funded by members, bulk orders
 - d. Antenna builds, dummy loads, simple to more complex kits, etc.
 - e. Dan will present at the membership meeting
6. MeshCore repeater on Border Road
 - a. Repeater completed, solar completion by the September meeting
 - b. OTA update
 - c. Will need to get Steve Iulo a companion
7. Yaesu DR-2 Wires-X repeater re-donation to club
 - a. RJ should prevail in the suit
 - b. October 26th final? court date
 - c. Crank-up tower discussion
8. Offer of tower/shelter lease on VGCA property from John N3PQD
 - a. Guying and crumple zone issues
 - b. Probably not enough room
9. AllStarLink to W4AC Proposal
 - a. It would require a new computer controller, Linux only
 - b. It's a more functional EchoLink
 - c. QSO One has AllstarLink
10. TARC BBQ suggestions Sunday March 7th, Oscar Scherer State Park.
 - a. Same price as last year, \$12
 - b. It's Megalodon weekend
11. Florida State POTA April 16-19th, Friday - Monday 8am – 8 pm
 - a. The parks need a pavilion for human access
 - b. Friday at Myakka River S.P. and Saturday @ Oscar Sherer S.P.
12. Equipment donation from Mike
 - a. No response from donator yet
13. After Meeting Presenters via Zoom
 - a. Ed Fong willing to do presentations via Zoom
 - b. Will need AV support to limit background noise
 - c. Frank will schedule Ed for the October meeting
 - d. Use the same link used for the BoD meeting

Any Other New Business:

1. Book donation from retired EE
 - a. Lou will contact Brian the club librarian
2. Future meeting presentations
 - a. Steve on the new FT8 and Fox and Hounds
3. Online meeting check-in
 - a. Steve will bring tablet to the next meeting

Motion to adjourn by Lou, seconded by Steve, at 3:31 pm

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, October 10th, 2026 at 1:30 PM @ Chet's QTH and via [Google Meet](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Ronnau KC4LR
Recording Secretary