

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday October 10th, 2026, 1:30 PM @ Chet's QTH and
via <http://meet.google.com/vtm-txqw-wyk>

BOD Agenda

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 Nienaber KN4BAR	Roger McEntarfer N9RM
Jim Miller N7JIM	

Do we have a quorum? Yes

Review and approve meeting minutes from September 5th, 2026 BOD meeting as published on the TARC's website.

Treasurer's Report. Dwight Sullivan KT4DS New Fiscal Year, Income a little under projection, Equipment Reserve Fund paused, Expenses based on known expenses, Discretionary Fund funding, Fiscal Year Income/Expenses available on the members only website

Guest: Dan W4DOD and John N9OU

Old Business:

1. TARC Election has a full slate as well as three new board members
 - a. Election to be held at the November Membership Meeting
2. TARC Ambassador Program (free TARC hat?)
 - a. The first six Ambassadors will receive one of the leftover hats
3. Pico Balloon Launches (deferred until later in November)
 - a. Weather hold until November
 - b. Plenty of balloon equipment
 - c. Trial balloon inflation/pre-stretching will be held next week at PVS
 - d. PVS launch date TBD
 - e. Next TARC balloon meeting November 21st
4. SMA ARISS contact mission
 - a. Scheduled for the w/o Oct. 16th, Monday or Wednesday asked for
 - b. Kids are ready to go, station is ready to go
5. Christmas Party Entertainment Andy/John N3PQD (will not be present but Lou will speak to it)
 - a. The general feeling is people would rather be able to socialize and talk
 - b. Perhaps some background music
 - c. Roger has equipment for background music if desired
6. Ham Club On-Line welcome letter for Ambassador Program

New Business:

1. October Scout Jamboree; October 17-18, 2026, John N9OU
 - a. To be held at Grace U.M.C. on the island
 - b. 9 am start time until dark both days
 - c. TARC members assistance is welcomed
 - d. Would like to borrow our band-pass filters, approved by board
 - e. They would also like to borrow a POTA Vertical
 - f. Electronics Merit Badge program Saturday 1-5 pm
 - g. Radio Merit Badge program Sunday 1-5 pm. TARC hams are welcome, bring an HT
 - h. WV4BSA is their troop callsign
 - i. John will visit during our next meeting, we'll suspend the regular order of business for his time
2. Dedicated Laptop for PVS HAM Activities
 - a. Discussion around the lack of available laptop for digital modes and WISPR
 - b. Would we like to donate a computer to PVS?
 - c. Any donated computer would need to be supported by their IT department
 - d. Chet will donate a Raspberry Pi
 - e. Paul will check with the IT department for support
3. POTA Learn and Activate Saturday November 14th 8-10, Myakka State Forest, N7JIM
4. TARC Bar-BQ & QSOs, Sunday March 21st @ Oscar Sherer S.P.
 - a.
5. Florida State POTA , April 16th (Friday) thru April 19th (Monday). TARC club activation Friday April 16th and Saturday April 17th
 - a. Will ask for a third host for an activation on Sunday
- 6.

Any Other New Business:

1. Agenda Items for the membership meeting
2. BoD Meetings next year @ Jacaranda Library reserved for 6 mos.

Motion to adjourn by AI K0AL, seconded by Paul KN4BAR, at 2:26 pm

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, November 7th, 2026 at 1:30 PM @ Chet's QTH and via [Google Meet](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Ronnau KC4LR
Recording Secretary