

**Tamiami Amateur Radio Club**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 1:30 PM at Chet's QTH

**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  
Paul Nineaber KN4BAR  
Jim Miller N7JIM  
Allan Culbert K0AL  
Roger McEntarfer N9RM

**Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM**

**Do we have a quorum: Yes**

**Review and approve BOD meeting minutes from March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**1<sup>st</sup> Steve NS4P**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Paul KN4BAR**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**1<sup>st</sup> AI K0AL**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Steve NS4P**

**Old Business:**

1. Shark's Tooth Festival Activation April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Legacy Park Pavillion reserved for Saturday
  - b. Equipment pickup @ 8 am
  - c. 1 Radio, Hexbeam, Amp, and Generator
  - d. PVS invited
2. Florida State PotA Event April 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Karl K4RLX promoting
  - b. Several clubs participating
  - c. Club activations Friday @ Myakka River S.P. and Saturday @ Oscar Sherer S.P.
3. Florida QSO Party April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
  - a. At AI's QTH, we'll use the triplexer
4. Repeater Update
  - a. Isolator installed on EchoLink for hum
  - b. The honking noise has returned a bit
  - c. May try changing to the old N.P. frequency
5. Meeting Attendance recording
  - a. Touchscreen needed
  - b. The board decided to purchase a refurbished tablet
  - c. Tablet can also be used for VE Testing
6. TARC Financial Audit
  - a. Completed with no issues found
  - b. Report accepted by the board
7. Credit Cards Update
  - a. Must be a signer on the checking account
  - b. \$5000 liability per card

- c. The board decided in favor of no additional cards
- 8. Patterson Giving Challenge
  - a. April 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to April 16<sup>th</sup> 11:59 am
  - b. SERC is eligible for donation matches up to \$100
  - c. Notification will be sent
  - d. TARC will make a donation
- 9. AI SIG
  - a. Initial contact with Sarasota Military Academy
  - b. No other activities
- 10.

### **New Business:**

- 1. County Wide CERT Radio Exercise; Vern (Buzz) Conrad KN4UQV
  - a. GMRS and Amateur message passing exercise
  - b. Family use only
  - c. Somewhat of a political football
  - d. The interfacing between CERT and ARES still unresolved
- 2. Bequest Policy & Procedure
  - a. We were referred to Andy Burton
  - b. Fee of about \$1000 for formal bequest program
  - c. Attorney Josh Perez also a possibility
- 3. Proposal to Spend BBQ&Q Profit for PVS Sat Comms
  - a. Grant money spent for balloon launch supplies
  - b. Phase shift splitters for satellites already obtained
  - c. Duplexer, feedline, and odds and ends still needed
  - d. A motion will be made to the membership for approval
- 4. Richard Romley WA2JGK donation TY letter? Bill Gueltig letter?
  - a. Letter and donation receipt being sent to Richard WA2JGK
  - b. Steve working with Bill Gueltig's brother Gary
- 5. Pico Balloon Launch
  - a. Proposal to launch one balloon by the club
  - b. Will provide a little experience for us before PVS
  - c. Will break up into teams for balloon, payload, etc.
  - d. Sunday Field Day Launch
  - e. Balloon launches by PVS later this year
- 6. Christmas Party Venue update
  - a. John N3PQD reserving venue on Monday
  - b. Christmas dinner in lieu of December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting
- 7. Club QSO contest the weekend prior to Field Day
  - a. Promoted in SWR magazine
- 8. Field Day Plans
  - a. Venice Gardens CC
- 9.

### **Any Other New Business:**

- 1. Elections board, John ELH will be contacted to chair
- 2. Jim checked out the Gasparilla Lighthouse checked out for LotA weekend in August
  - a. No power available at the pavilion
  - b. Must be adjacent to the lighthouse
  - c. Visible to the public visiting the lighthouse

3.

Motion to adjourn by Lou, seconded by Steve, at 2:?? pm

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 1:30 PM @ Chet's QTH and via [Google Meet](#)

Respectfully submitted,  
Lou Ronnau KC4LR  
Recording Secretary