

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

At Venice Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34285
(Sale of 50-50 tickets)

Note, Elmer assistance hours are from 6- 6:30pm for information and mentoring of interested ham radio operators. So, we can be better prepared, tell us what you need help with; askelmer@tamiamiarc.org

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

Flag Salute.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Visitors - Do we have any visitors tonight? Please state your name, call sign, and where you are from.

NONE

New members - Do we have any new members?

Lawrence Fletcher
Rich Mikluscak KQ4UMP
Scott Gardner KQ4UFY

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Request for motion to accept the minutes for September 11, 2024. They are posted on the club website.

1st- Steve NS4P

2nd- Steve KN4NFX

CORRESPONDENCE: Randy KO4PIV

We sent a Thank you letter to Jim Craig W5ALM for his gracious donation to the club.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Request for motion to accept Treasurer's report. The report is posted on the Clubs website, members only page.

1st Roger N9RM

2nd Chet KG4IYS

The treasurer was absent and Paul KN4BAR stated that our club finances are great at this current time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE- Capt. Bobs great grandson passed away and our condolences are sent to the family.

Art Wester is recovering very well currently.

We are glad that Steve KN4NFX is recovering well from his recent surgery.

VE TESTING- Steve Phillips, NS4P

Tested- No testing due to Hurricane Milton

Passed- 0

New Members-

Next Test Date- November 09, 2024

LIAISON TO QCWA- Al Culbert, K0AL

Steve NS4P stated the membership is open to anyone that has held an FCC License for over 25 yrs, and it does not have to be consecutive. They meet at Dennys on Bee Ridge Rd in Sarasota at 11 am on the first Monday of each month. Do not need to be a member to attend the meetings.

REPEATER / TECHNICAL- Repeaters are all working. They made it through the storm! The North Port Yaesu repeater has been returned from the repair shop, no charge, under warranty. Tower in North Port is still being relocated at this time. Expect it to be usable before end of November.

REMOTE STATION UPDATE- Frank W2XYZ

It is down currently. We lost the antenna off the tower. It is around 150ft in the air. We will be discussing this again soon. Sorry for any inconvenience to the membership.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT- Dwight Sullivan KT4DDS

We are looking for a new PIO. Anyone interested in this position, please talk to Dwight or Paul KN4BAR.

Dwight is still managing the Face Book page for the club, and he has arranged to find 800 people to like the page. Great Job Dwight!!

Paul KN4BAR told the membership that the ARRL has a PIO course that you can take online, and from home, to learn this job that promotes our club activities through the web and local newspapers.

Nolan KQ4KOY placed his name in nomination for the PIO position. The board of directors will consider his appointment at its next meeting in November and other candidates are encouraged to apply for this position as well.

MEMBERSHIP- Paul KN4BAR

Current- 174

New- 5

SK- 0

Total = 179

Life Members- 13

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. SDR receiver project was taken over by Frank W2XYZ. We should have some more information on this by the next General Membership meeting.
2. The club repeater generator is for sale for \$650. It is LP only, there is not a gas tank on it. It is a Black Max 8750, has a Honda Engine and low hours. Someone has expressed interest, but you can talk to Steve NS4P.
3. Pineview School had 32 students, and 5 adults attend the first of four technician class training classes. The next class is scheduled for October 26th.
4. Jeff Staple KO4AEA talked about star-link as an Emergency Communication. Jeff put on a highly informative presentation about the pros and cons of this form of communication. Paul KN4BAR will continue to talk to Jeff about this and see what we can do as a club for the community in an emergency, and if it is feasible to do so. Thanks Jeff, excellent job, and great presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ARRL Grant request is still in the works, and hopefully we will have an answer by the end of November. The equipment will be owned by the club and borrowed by Pineview school if they have their program.
2. 10 Meter challenge is a wonderful day for being a HAM. Tony KX1G and Frank W2XYZ are looking for extra HAMS to join in on this challenge that takes place December 14 and 15th. They placed first in the SE Region last year, this all happened at AL K0AL cottage in Mission Valley. Unfortunately, AL took on some damage from Hurricane Milton. Tony is currently looking for another location. This challenge is for CW and Phone. So, anyone can sign up.
3. A Net Manager is still needed. We are looking for a volunteer to handle this job. It might take 1 hr. a month to set up a rotating schedule of four different NET Controllers. It is not something that will take a lot of personal time away from you. Net controllers can contact Paul KN4BAR to sign up for a shift. The schedule of Net Control operators is posted on the website at this current time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hamcation in Orlando is coming February 7-9th. The bus is already reserved for the club, and we will be taking deposits and reservations after the Christmas party.
2. John KQ4ELK and Brian W1JBD have volunteered for the nomination committee for the December election. Paul KN4BAR and Randy KO4PIV said they would like to stay for another year. Bob McAlister KN4RKE had decided to not run again and will be leaving the position at the end of the year. The club will need a new Treasurer.
3. Betty KO4GKT would like to volunteer and be the STEM Coordinator for the local schools to try and bring students to the wonderful hobby of ham radio and help keep this club's membership up. Thank you, Betty, for volunteering when we needed you.

Nolan KQ4KOY volunteered to be a committee member, assisting Betty with the club's STEM contacts.

Other new business: Is there any other new business to discuss?

1. Tom W1ICU is taking orders for the Club shirts at this time. You can order them on our website or at the meeting. The Green shirt is \$30, and the White shirt is \$35. Deadline is November 13th to get your order in. Do not leave the house without your Club Shirt!
If you are interested in purchasing a name badge, you can talk to Frank W2XYZ. They are \$8 in person or \$9 on the website.
2. Create Job descriptions for all club positions and volunteer positions that the club asks for. Maybe people will be more willing to help if they understand what they are volunteering for. Just a brief description of their duties and an estimate of the time that will be spent in that position. If it will require an hour a day or an hour a month for example. Randy KO4PIV. *This was tabled until the next meeting.*

i.e., STEM committee, NET Manager, Nomination committee, Ham Radio Day at the Library
3. Winter Field Day is coming up in January 2025. Paul talked to the Coast Guard, and we are locked in for next year to use their property for our field day events. We will have to move our antenna set-up from behind the building to another location on the property. They are already building their own antennas for the Air Force's Radar Site out back.

Comments: Are there any comments from the floor?

Frank W2XYZ presented a wall plaque to the thirteen colonies challenge winner, Roger N9RM. Great Job!! Members will be trying to steal that plaque from you next year!

Gary Youngberg is donating a lot of stuff to the club. Unfortunately, Gary lost his home in Hurricane Milton. Our hearts go out to you Gary, please let us know if we can help in any way.

Clark Gambel KE4PPN thanked the club for all the help with the Scouts Jamboree. Fifteen scouts earned their radio badge. Troop leaders and parents are trying to lead the scouts into taking their FCC license exam.

Dwight KT4DDS mentioned and asked for any Presentation ideas for our club meetings. Please, if you have something you want to learn about or think it might be an educational idea for the membership. Please let Dwight know.

ADJOURNMENT: Time of motion was at 07:35 pm

1st Chet KG4IYS

2nd Rick KQ4APW

Attendance: Number of members- 42 Number of guests- 0

Tonight's Meeting Program: No presentation was given.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at VPC @ 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Aitken KO4PIV
TARC Secretary