

**TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes – January 08, 2025, @ 6:30 PM**  
At Venice Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall  
825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34285  
(Sale of 50-50 tickets)

**Note, Elmer assistance hour 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](mailto:askelmer@tamiamiarc.org)**

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm**

**Flag Salute.**

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Visitors:** Chris Kinzel KK4QA, Dirk Scholten W8IQX.

**New members** Deb Cogan KQ4ZOF

**Remaining Introductions**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT-** Request for motion to accept the minutes for December 18, as published on the TARC website.

1<sup>st</sup> – Steve KN4NFX

2<sup>nd</sup> – John N3PQD

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

**TREASURER'S REPORT-** Request for motion to accept Treasurer's report for December, As published in the Members only section of the TARC website.

1<sup>st</sup> – Paul K1YOU

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peter KV4LR

**COMMITTEE REPORTS :**

**SUNSHINE-** Shaun KQ4YAX

No activity currently, which is a good thing.

**VE TESTING-** Steve Phillips, NS4P

Tested- 0

Passed-

New Members-

Next Test Date- Jan 11, 2025

Notes- **14 candidates expected for this weekend coming up.**

**LIAISON TO QCWA-** Al Culbert, K0AL

Meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at Dennys on Bee Ridge Rd in Sarasota at 11am. Been averaging around 20 ppl.

**REPEATER / TECHNICAL-** Frank W2XYZ

**NorthPort** – No information currently. Still waiting.

**Englewood-** Everything is working great; Nets are doing very well.

## **REMOTE STATION UPDATE- Frank W2XYZ**

**Englewood** – Antenna is still down and waiting for someone else to join in on a climber to share the cost.

**PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT- Dwight KT4DDS** (Dwight had other family engagements to take care of, all event information will be posted online for everyone.)

Looking for an assistant

Winter Field Day

Shark Tooth

Megalodon

TARC BBQ&Q

## **MEMBERSHIP- Nancy N4ZM**

Current- 163

First year- 9

SK- 0           Who:

Life Members- 16

Associate Members- 4

**Total = 192**

**DUES ARE DUE BEFORE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>. AFTER THAT YOU WILL BE STRICKEN FROM THE ROSTER AND ALL EMAILS.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Southwest Florida Hamfest in Fort Meyers is coming up this weekend January 10-11<sup>th</sup> at Florida Southwestern State College Bldg U.
2. Hats have become an option for the club thanks to Richard KQ4APW for taking the lead on this. Please get in touch with Richard if you would like to order a hat. You have the option of a Club Green, or a Club White colored hat. The guestimate is around \$25 for now. Order will be turned in by the end of January.
3. Scout Master John Patrick N1YOU stopped in to thank the club for all the help in October for the Scouts Jamboree. 6 scouts earned their electronics merit badge, and 19 scouts earned their Radio merit badge. He also passed merit badges to the club members who participated in the Scout Jamboree.
4. DX Challenge by Tony KX1G. Tony came up with a challenge for club members to see who can get 100 DX contacts in the month of January. You submit your logs to him, and he has some giveaways for the top contenders.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. SDR Status - Frank W2XYZ
  - a. SDR is up and running, more details will be out in an email on how to connect to the new and amazing SDR that has been set up by Frank W2XYZ and Tom Shrilla W8QJF for the club.
2. Bus to Hamcation February 8th - Frank W2XYZ
  - a. Fourth year of doing this for the club and other clubs in the area. It costs \$55.00 for a seat. Leave around 6:15am from the Coast Guard Station and then stop at the Red Cross in Sarasota to pick up other members. The bus leaves Hamcation around 4pm. Deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

3. Winter Field Day January 25-26th -Frank W2XYZ and Jim N7JIM
  - a. Signup sheet is out, and online. Please get in touch with Frank or Jim to sign up for a 1-hour slot on Saturday or Sunday. If you are new to this, please sign up as a logger and you can sit back and learn how it is done. It is a great time and great fellowship with all the other HAMS in the club.
4. Pineview School - Paul KN4BAR
  - a. Everything is falling into place and eqpt is on order. The flyover is Jan 29<sup>th</sup> from around 11:30 to 11:45. The kids are excited and so are we. The down link frequency will be published to our club members and there will be a link for the live stream available also. No one else will be allowed to be at the School due to security reasons.
5. License offer upgrade this spring. Steve NS4P  
Jan 01 through July 12, 2025  
1 per customer, General class or higher  
11 gift cards total  
Current members only

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. None

**Other new business:** Is there any other new business to discuss? None

**Comments:** Are there any comments from the floor? None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Time of motion 7:25pm

1<sup>st</sup> – Steve KN4NFX

2<sup>nd</sup> – Roger N9RM

**Attendance:** Number of members: 50    Number of guests: 2

**Tonight's Meeting Program:** Farrel Vogelhut, KC1ENH.

*Speaking about the policy of "Vietnamization."*

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at VPC @ 6:30pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

***Randy Aitken KO4PIV***

**TARC Secretary**