

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes April 9, 2025, @ 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 : 6:30 pm

PLEASE SILENCE YOU PHONES AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

Flag Salute.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Visitors - Do we have any visitors tonight? Please state your name, call sign, and where you are from. Joseph Shorthill, Paul K3WY, Yohan from Pittsburgh, PA

New members - Do we have any new members? Chris KQ4KA

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the minutes for March 12, 2025, as published on the TARC website.

1st – Steve NS4P

2nd – Richard KQ4APW

CORRESPONDENCE- None

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

1st – Paul K1YOU

2nd – Steve KN4NFX

Old Business:

1. ARRL Teacher and Education fund. Dwight KT4DDS
 - a. Sent a check for \$1211. It all goes to a great cause for the future of HAM.
One of our Pineview school teachers will benefit from this program when she goes to Connecticut for some training with the ARRL.
2. Card Reader. Dwight KT4DDS
 - a. We have 2 readers. One is with the Treasurer and the other is with the VE team. Now we can take Credit cards at the meetings or other functions for any of our services or dues. Thank you, Dwight!
3. Venice Main Street sign up sheet. Dwight KT4DDS
 - a. Set up by the Gazebo, like last year.
4. Florida QSO Party. April 26th & 27th . Frank W2XYZ

- a. Please get in touch with Frank to sign up for this event. We always have a great time with some experienced hams that can help guide the new ones to being a better ham. Sign up for being a logger if this is your first time, you just enter contact information on the computer and can watch the other person how they handle the contact. We will operate as W4AC
5. Shark Tooth Festival. Frank W2XYZ, Dwight KT4DDS
Sign up sheet has been out, another great event for TARC every year. We have our special event call sign K4S.

New Business:

1. New Computer for Repeater Site. Steve NS4P
 - a. Request for up to \$350 to be spent on a new computer for the repeater site. All in attendance agreed with the purchase of the computer.
2. New Membership Totals. Nancy N4ZM
 - a. Regular Members: 128, Associate Members: 2, First Year Members: 10, Life Members: 16
3. OK to contact WCF, re, we are available to support ARISS contact missions anywhere in the WCF area. Do we have the people and the training? Paul KN4BAR
 - a. Everyone agreed with us offering our satellite equipment to other schools who want to try it out and hopefully get other STEM programs a little excited about what they can look forward to. Steve NS4P is going to set up some training for those club members that are interested in learning the satellite eqpt and helping with future programs for students.
4. Buy DMR mobile for use at PVS on WW TG, etc. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. TARC is going to purchase a DMR radio for the Pineview school with their Grant money.
5. Updated ledger of expenses against the ARRL Club Grant funds. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. \$2600 left in funds and have until the end of the year to use it, or send it back.
6. Extending invitation to club membership to attend board meetings if interested in club business. Get "business" out of general membership meetings. Paul KN4BAR
7. How to make club meetings more experiential/interactive and less business like. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. I would like to come up with some educational classes before or after the general meetings that the members would like to learn about. Like a focus group or breakout meeting. Where some experienced members would like to show members how to use that piece of equipment. Learn how to do POTA, SAT Comms, Winlink, CW, Fox Hunt.
 - b. Please come up with some ideas within the next 2 weeks and let the Board know through our email at BOD@tamiamiarc.org

Meeting schedule possibilities

1. Business Meeting
2. Presentation
3. Breakout session (Focus group)

OR

1. Breakout Session
2. Business Meeting
3. Presentation

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1. Presentation
2. Business Meeting
3. Breakout Session

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1. Presentation
2. Breakout Session
3. Business Meeting

Any Other New Business:

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Motion to adjourn by Nancy N4ZM , seconded by Paul K1YOU at 7:15 pm

Next meeting May 14, 2025, at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Aitken KO4PIV
Recording Secretary