

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes for November 12, 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.

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

New members - Do we have any new members? **Steve Simon, Cieran George KR4FWZ from Venice.**

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the Secretary's Report for October 8, 2025, as published on the TARC website.

1st – Steve KN4RFX

2nd – Roger N9RM

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

1st - **DWIGHT WAS ON VACATION**

2nd – **PAUL KN4BAR READ THROUGH THE REPORT BRIEFLY FOR THE MEMBERS.**

Old Business:

1. Election of Officers, December meeting (Annual Meeting). Paul KN4BAR
 - a. All candidates are full except for the President position. Please read through the Job Descriptions and help out the club by running for the position if you have the time or interest. Paul will sit with you and walk you through the position for however much time you need.
2. Winter Field Day, 1/24-25/2026. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. Frank reserved the Venice Garden Center for us again on this field day. What a great place for this event. More information will be available next month.
3. Bus to HamCation, 2/14/2026. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. It is in the works already for the best trip of the year. The bus has plenty of storage for your purchased goodies. Purchase your ticket online right now at Hamcation.com for a \$5.00 discount.
4. Receive proposal to create a paid life membership class. An amendment to the bylaws will be required to do this. *At the bottom of the Agenda.* Randy KO4PIV
 - a. It was decided to bring it back to the BOD for further discussion.
5. Donation to HCOL for \$164, Paul KN4BAR
 - a. The BOD decided to send a donation to HCOL for \$164.00. It is suggested that clubs spend \$1.00 per member as a donation to HCOL. We agreed.

6. ARRL 10m contest, Dec12-14 as W4AC. Tony KX1G
 - a. Will be held again at AL's Cottage in Mission Valley. A great time has been had by all, every year. Please talk to Tony, AL, or Frank for any information on this.
7. POTA Open House, Nov 15th 9-12 at Myakka State Forest, Jim N7JIM
 - a. Stop on Saturday and learn how to activate a park and have a good time doing it.
8. Holiday Party, Dec 17th 6-9 pm at Hotel Venezia. John N3PQD
 - a. Please go to the website and get your reservation for the party. There will be some great food and giveaways. Come join us. The last day is December 10th to get your reservation.

New Business:

1. Consider AL K0AL for life membership. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. AL K0AL was voted on for his life membership and all approved.
Congratulations

Any Other New Business:

1. Form a By-law revision committee for future changes to the bylaws. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. Some changes need to be made and the by-laws updated. The last update was 2011. A committee will be formed by volunteers from the membership.
 - b. Anyone interested in joining the committee please send an email to BOD@tamiamiarc.org
2. Club Shirt Vendor Options. Randy KO4PIV
 - a. Paul KN4BAR and Randy KO4PIV placed a personal order with Barbara to show the membership next month and to make sure we are getting the same quality from her as the previous merchant. Turn around on embroidered shirts is 7-10 days unlike our current merchant that is 3 to 4 weeks.
3. FOX Hunt will be November 22. Registration starts at 9am with a start time at 930am, should end around noon. Come on out for a great time and fellowship.

Motion to adjourn by Steve KN4NFX, seconded by, Tony W4RFV at 7:30 pm
Next TARC meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm

After Meeting Presentation.

Nova Scotia Canada by Gerard KQ4DVD

Submitted by,
Randy Aitken KO4PIV
TARC Secretary

Lifetime Membership:

How it works (This is just a model)

- **A one-time payment:** A TARC member in good standing pays a single, one-time fee to establish perpetual membership.
- **Endowed Fund:** The payment is not spent but is deposited into an endowment fund managed by the BOD.
- **Annual dues covered:** Each year, the interest earned by the endowment fund is used to cover the member's annual dues to the club.
- **No future dues:** Members with perpetual membership no longer need to pay annual dues, and each year they receive a notice stating that no payment is owed.

- **Honorary option:** Some members also use this option to honor another person, male or female, as a memorial or in recognition of distinguished service.

Key benefits

- **For the member:** Guarantees lifetime membership and freedom from future dues payments.
- **For the club:** Provides a perpetual income stream that helps fund the club's operations, even after the member's passing.
- **For the future:** The funds will be preserved and invested, ensuring the long-term financial health of the club.

Example:

The membership dues are \$25.00 a year right now. If we take and use a 20 yr payment system, the Lifetime membership is \$500.00. As the dues go up, so does the lifetime membership option.