

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes for December 10, 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 6:45 pm following the taking of a group picture for submission to ARRL's "Year of the Club" club picture request for publication in QST magazine.

PLEASE SILENCE YOU PHONES AT THIS TIME, THANK YOU.

Flag Salute.

SILENT KEY: Vic Ouellete K1CGI

The mass will be at 10 am. Thursday, Dec. 18th at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in the Gulf Gate area.

A light luncheon will follow before heading to the Sarasota National Cemetery for a 1:30 p.m. internment.

Visitors: We had no visitors.

New members: The club members welcomed Bob KR4HBT and Dan W4DOD as new members of the club

Remaining Introductions: Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Request for motion to accept the November 12, 2025 membership meeting minutes as published on the club's website.

Motion made, seconded and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the November 2025 Treasurer's Report as published in the Members only section of the TARC website.

Motion made, seconded and approved.

Presentation of Lifetime Membership.

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Take picture of all Lifetime members that are present.

GROUP PHOTO

Old Business:

1. New Club shirts from Red Hott Press (Barbara). Paul KN4BAR. The membership examined a sample shirt circulated by Paul and by voice vote they approved changing to RedHotPress.com as the vendor for future club apparel items. Paul to publish a website page with details for how to place and pay for orders of club apparel.

2. Election of Officers, December meeting. John KQ4ELH as Nominating Committee chairman took over the meeting at this time as required by the bylaws
 - a. Reading of the Slate Candidates. John KQ4ELH. There was only one nominee for each position expect for that of president that had no nominee.
 - b. San K3SY nominated Chet KG4IYS for president. Chet accepted the nomination.
 - c. John called for a voice vote by acclimation for the slate of candidates and all were then duly elected to serve for the 2026 year as follows:
 - i. President Chet KG4IYS
 - ii. Vice president Frank W2XYZ
 - iii. Secretary Lou KC4LR
 - iv. Treasurer Dwight KT4DS
 - v. Director Paul KN4BAR
 - vi. Director Steve NS4P
 - vii. Director Roger N9RM
 - viii. Director Al K0AL
 - ix. Director Jim N7JIM

3. Winter Field Day, 1/24/2026. Frank W2XYZ
 Frank confirmed it will be at the Venice Gardens Civic Association club house on Shamrock Dr. in Venice. Antenna and station setup to begin around 9 am Saturday morning. This is a great opportunity for new hams to gain experience with HF and contest operations. Signups for help and operating shifts will be taken at the 1/14/25 club meeting.

4. Bus to HamCation, 2/14/2026. Frank W2XYZ
 - a. Reservation is made. Cost is \$1833.00 ^
 - b. Seat price \$60. Reserve and pay at the club store page on the website.
 - c. Local School Ham Radio Clubs at SMA and PVS will be invited to ride with us. Children ride for free but they MUST be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian that pays full fare.
 - d. Leave Parking lot Northside of Sharkey's at 6:15 am, SRQ @ 6:45am, Orlando at 4:00pm.

5. Holiday Party Dec 17th. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. 55 reserved at start of meeting
 - b. 59 confirmed and paid RSVPs at end of meeting. Reservations are CLOSED.
 - c. John N3PQD was thanked by all club members for his work to manage the Holiday Party this year.

New Business:

1. This is your required 30-day notice of proposed changes to the club's by-laws. Club members will be asked at the January 14th monthly club meeting to vote on approving the following changes to the by-laws:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/15FSBYiC6avsNrhjw66gDPr7zwNGJTPdz/edit?usp=shari_nq&oid=105702755398107587698&rtpof=true&sd=true
 Please take some time to review the changes to make an informative vote on a **motion to approve the amended bylaws at the January 14th club meeting**. The board of

directors has reviewed the changes, and they recommend approval of the amended bylaws.

2. Repeater Site. Steve NS4P.

a. Approve up to \$3000.00 to climb the W4AC tower to check Antenna and feed line for feedback noise. After some discussion and Q&A the club membership voted to approve this budget of \$3000.

b. Steve NS4P and Frank W2XYZ were thanked by all club members for the countless hours spent during the past few weeks in troubleshooting and trying to resolve our repeater problems.

3. Spectrum Analyzer. Frank W2XYZ

a. With some discussion and Q&A the club membership voted to approve making this purchase.

4. TARC is the sponsor for the FL State POTA Competition April 17-20, 2026. The club membership approved of having a W4AC club station to participate in this contest event. Details to be published as we get closer to the event's time.

Any Other New Business: NONE>

Motion to adjourn by _____, seconded by, _____ Adjourned at 7:52 pm

Next TARC meeting – Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:30pm

After Meeting Presentation; POTA Operations, Jim N7JIM

Submitted by,

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, TARC president