

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes for January 14th, 2026 @ 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- 6:30 pm 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONES AT THIS TIME, THANK YOU.

Flag Salute.

Visitors - Ron Alexander N9GAD, Thomas Pugh W9TDP, Rolf Erichson KD0UBJ, Pressley Smith

New members - Allan Huston KC1IWF

Remaining Introductions - 58 attendees for this evening.

SILENT KEY: Stewart Haag W4MO Life Member

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the Secretary's Report for December 10, 2025, as published on the TARC website.

1st - Steve KN4NFX

2nd - Nancy N4ZM

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.

Motion to accept made, seconded, and approved.

Old Business:

1. Adoption of Updated Club Bylaws - Motion to accept by Tony KX1G, Seconded by Steve KN4NFX, approved without objection.
2. Adoption of Updated Club Charter - Motion to accept by Nancy N4ZM, Seconded by San K3SY, approved without objection.
3. SW FL Regional Hamfest this weekend 1/16 & 17 <https://swflhamfest.com/>
4. Winter Field Day 1/24 & 25, Frank W2XYZ - Setup will begin at 9 am, operations from 11am until 11pm, Sunday operations begin at 8 am and teardown about 4 pm. A signup sheet was passed around.
5. Repeater Site, Steve NS4P - We are scheduling a tower climber hopefully coordinated with a couple of other clubs.
6. Bus to Hamcation 2/14, Frank W2XYZ - \$60 per person. 6:15 am departure from Sharky's and about 6:45 am from the American Red Cross on Cantu Court.
7. BBQ and QSOs at Oscar Sherer S.P. 3/22 Jim N7JIM, pulled pork and chicken, bring a side to pass around and your own beverages. \$12 per person. \$5 per car entry fee.
8. Megladon 5k & 10k races, 3/7 & 8, the club DMR repeater will be used on local9.
9. Shark's Tooth Festival on 4/11 & 12, also a 10k and a 5k. The callsign K4S has been reserved for the special event station. Contacts who QSL get a QSL and a shark's tooth in return.
10. The new vendor for shirts is Hot Press. The website for purchases will be coming soon.

Randy KO4PIV brought a sample. There will be other items, coffee mugs, etc., are available also.

New Business:

1. Appointment of Karl Downing KD8LXA to TARC PIO
2. Discussion about QCWA membership. <https://qcwa53.org/> Anyone is welcome to attend the 1st Monday of the month lunch meetings.
3. New standing committees created
 - a. BBQ committee with Jim N7JIM as chair
 - b. Digital committee with Lou KC4LR as chair
 - c. Youth Outreach committee with Roger N9RM as chair
 - d. Christmas Party committee with John N3PQD as chair
 - e. Account Admin and Website committee with Paul KN4BAR as chair
 - f. Repeater committee and VE committee with Steve NS4P as chair

Any Other New Business:

1. Dennis W9CIB led discussion about Sarasota ARES and the deployment to area hospitals during a hurricane event. More information is available at <https://srqares.org/>.

After Meeting Presentation: POTA talk with Jim N7JIM

Motion to adjourn by Steve KN4NFX, seconded by Steve NS4P, at 8:10 pm

Next TARC meeting – February 11th, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Submitted by,

Lou Ronnau KC4LR

TARC Secretary