

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2024 @ 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 06:30 pm

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for 9/11

INTRODUCTIONS:

Visitors - Do we have any visitors tonight? Please state name, call sign, and where you are from.

Steve Reid N3SEA

New members - Do we have any new members?

There were none.

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Request for motion to accept the minutes for 07/12/2024.

1st- Steve NS4P

2nd- Nancy N4ZM

In addition to mailing the minutes to each club member, they are also posted on the club's website.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a letter from Orlando Hamcation thanking Steve Phillips NS4P for volunteering his time and sent a \$20.00 check to TARC.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Request for motion to accept Treasurer's report.

1st- Steve KN4NFX

2nd- Paul K1YOU

Bob KN4RKE announced that starting this month the treasurer's report would be posted to our website in addition to the verbal report he gives at each meeting. Paul polled the members to see if they thought the report should be on a public page or on the

password protected page on the website. The consensus was to post the report to the members only page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE- Our condolences to Jack W1JJR for the loss of his beautiful wife Alvie. Also, to Bob KM2T for the loss of his beautiful wife. Anything we can do? Please reach out to us.

VE TESTING- Steve Phillips, NS4P

Tested-

Passed-

New Members- 6

Next Test Date- 09/14/2024

LIAISON TO QCWA- Al Culbert, K0AL

Fellowship will start up again next month at Dennys on Bee Ridge Rd at 11:00am
Oct 7th

REPEATER / TECHNICAL-

Announcements #5

Old Business #1

REMOTE STATION UPDATE- Is working and no complaints as of today.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT- Dwight Sullivan was out of town. No information currently.

MEMBERSHIP-

Current- 170

New- 6

SK-

Total = 176

Life Members- 13

Assoc. Members-

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Steve KN4NFX resigned as Vice President 8/12/24 for health/personal reasons, Paul KN4BAR
 - a. Paul KN4BAR asked for nominations from the floor and stated that Dwight was willing to withdraw his name if anyone else was interested in the position. There were no nominations received from the floor.
 - b. Dwight Sullivan was nominated and voted on for Vice President. Membership approved by acclamation. Congratulations Dwight.
2. Tom KE4RXM resigned as Communicator Editor 7/28/24 for health reasons, Paul KN4BAR
3. Welcome our new Communicator Editor, Chris K4PTS, Paul KN4BAR

4. Scouts Jamboree, October 19-20th, 2024, Joe N3SX
Joe reported that this will be a major ham radio merit badge qualification event for the scouts in our area attending this Jamboree. There will be four HF stations set up for the event. Joe received permission to borrow the club's filters for the event. He will be coordinating with Steve NS4P for the filters and Steve will loan the scouts his TW portable antenna. Club members are invited to stop by the Brohard Park location and lend a hand with getting the scouts on the air and qualified for this merit badge.
5. North Port repeater status. They are going to move it farther East in North Port. Club will help with the move as much as we can. The repeater is in for repair and the last status was just a few days ago and it was "on the bench". Paul KN4BAR asked for any club members interested in helping to relocate the WKDW nonprofit community broadcasting station to contact him for more information. A date for the move has not been set; but it will happen before the end of September.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2m repeater antenna was replaced on 8/20/24, cost \$1,800, Steve NS4P
2. Holiday party on December 02, 2024, at Plantation. Vote for bar upgrade. (\$75.00)
Pat N4IGI **APPROVED**
3. Vote on Field Day expenses. (\$160.00) **APPROVED**
4. Generator at repeater site is to be sold. **APPROVED**
5. The propane tank is to be returned to the gas company. We no longer need it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vote for new Vice President, Paul KN4BAR
2. Vote for 2024-25 club operating budget, Paul KN4BAR **APPROVED**
 - a. 1st – Steve NS4P, 2nd – Andy KB1HIP
3. Ham Radio Day at the Library, 10/12/24, Brian W1JBD
 - a. Frank W2XYZ would like to speak and pass around a sign-up sheet.
 - b. Possible 7:30am start for set up and run till 3:30pm
4. Establish a "Net Manager" and rotating net control stations, Paul KN4BAR
 - a. There is a sign-up sheet on the TARC website.
 - b. Paul recognized Gerard KQ4DVD for being the first club member to volunteer as a net control station. Gerard did the club's 2m chat net last Thursday and he did an outstanding job! Paul reminded members that being a net control operator was a valuable skill for any amateur radio operator to have, and that all of our club nets are informal, social nets offering a relaxed environment to learn how to be a net control station.
5. Pine View School ARISS Contact Support, Paul KN4BAR
6. Loan Field Day station to Pine View School, Paul KN4BAR
The membership approved of doing this.
7. ARRL Grant request for Pineview HS Radio Club, we should know the status on the grant request around the end of November. Paul KN4BAR

Other new business: Is there any other new business to discuss?

1. TARC Members participated in a 10m challenge last year and Placed 16th in the Nation, 3rd in the State of Florida, and 1st in the SE Region. Great Job!! It is coming up again here shortly, anyone interested in helping with this year's challenge, get a hold of Tony KX1G or Frank W2XYZ.
2. Complete used satellite station for sale by one of our members. Asking \$3500 you can contact Frank W2XYZ and he will assist you with meeting the seller.

Comments: Are there any comments from the floor? NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Time of motion 7:32 pm

1st – Steve NS4P

2nd – AL K0AL

Attendance: Number of members- 31, Number of guests- 01

Tonight's Meeting Program: John Mc Enerney, European Vacation.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at VPC @ 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Aitken KO4PIV
TARC Secretary