

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting MINUTES – Wednesday, March 13, 2024
@ 6:30 PM

At Venice Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34285
(Sale of 50-50 tickets)

Note, Elmer assistance hour 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

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by Steve Froggatt, KN4NFX, followed by flag salute.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Visitors – John Queen, Larry Plowman, Donnal Cummings KT4LWT
Deb Cogan

New members –Neil Yuenger, Paul Phillips

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Steve KN4NFX – Request for motion to accept the minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting as published in the Communicator. Moved by Nancy N4ZM, seconded by Walter KD9EIN, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Steve Froggatt filled in for absent President Paul. . No substantial correspondence, a few emails. Amendments to minutes as suggested by Nancy N4ZM were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank W2XYZ – last month balance of \$31,084.84 and the receipt of \$4125.66 from donated equipment sales by Steve NS4P, expenses of \$2032.08, Month ending with \$33,003.42. Motion to approve was made by Dwight KT4DDs, seconded by Steve NS4P, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE; no report given.

VE TESTING; Steve NS4P reported that 11 candidates tested 4 were walk-ins. Five of the club's 10 incentive offers have been used. The incentive program ends in June. The next test will be on April 13 at the Venice Library

LIAISON TO QCWA; Al K0AL reported that QWCA meets at Denny's on Bee Ridge Rd in Sarasota on the 1st Monday of each month at 11am. Non-members are welcome to attend the lunch meeting followed by a ham radio topic presentation.

REPEATER / TECHNICAL; Frank W2XYZ reported all repeaters working.

REMOTE STATION UPDATE; Steve, NS4P reported the remote station was working well, and that the new solar charging system is also working well.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT; Dwight KT4DDS reported we have 524 FaceBook members up from 505. Details for the Venice Main Street festive to follow in April.

MEMBERSHIP: Jack W1JJR was absent but submitted his report to Frank W2XYZ. The club has a total of 159 members as of March 13th. Membership numbers dropped from last month as unpaid “members” were dropped from the list.

ANNOUNCEMENT

San Yoder, editor of The Communicator, has retired after 7 years and 3 months (who’s counting?) of producing an excellent news letter. San was presented a plaque of appreciation for all of his excellent work in behalf of TARC. Tom Wilson, KE4RXM, will assume the editorial responsibilities. Tom is setting up a mail box in Groups IO to which we should send our newsletter info.

Florida State POTA event is April 6 and 7, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Repeater site report: Steve NS4P, awaiting tower climber and new 2 meter antenna.
2. Steve NS4P reported the Shark Tooth aces went well and our contribution of radio support was appreciated by the race committee
3. SharkTooth Festival April 13-14. Set up in Centennial Park on W. Venice Ave.
We’ll need volunteers to set up tent and antennas. Details at the next club meeting.
4. Winter 2nd annual TARC Barbecue, March 24, Oscar Sherer State Park. Come join the fun, details in the TARC newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Holiday party planned for Wednesday December 4, 2024 at Plantation Golf & CC in Venice, Pat N4IGI announced that the this date is not yet confirmed; but everyone should pencil it into their calendar. Cocktails at 6 pm with diner served at 7 pm. A cost \$56 pp or \$63 for prime rib.
2. Shaun Helgesen KO4YAX is the new Sunshine Committee co-ordinator.
3. Tom Waters, KE4RXM is the new Communicator editor. Get stuff to him!
4. We need a white board for the Shark Tooth Festival, large enough so that we

- can write large enough so the visitors can see the contacts that we make.
5. Library update, Brian W1JBD will buy new Q&A manuals for the libraries.
 6. Florida QSO Party, April 27 and 28, at Al's K0AL cottage at 1500 Macintosh Blvd, Nokomis.

Motion to adjourn made by Roger N9RM and seconded by Jim W3APC, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Time of motion 7:28 pm

Attendance: Number of members 45 Number of guests 4

Post meeting program: Steve NS4P. TONES, Tom, K7ONE home brew \$25 hot spot.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at VPC @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wester
Secretary