

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting MINUTES – Wednesday, April 10, 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 6:30 PM by Paul Nienaber KN4BAR followed by flag salute.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Visitors – Gus Hawkins AA4GH, Program Speaker

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people. 50 total attendees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Paul KN4BAR motioned to accept meeting minutes as published in the Communicator was tabled as the minutes were not published in March.

CORRESPONDENCE: No new correspondence

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank W2XYZ – Opening balance \$33,003.42. from March. Closing balance of \$31,015.68 Motion to approve was made by PAUL K1YOU, seconded by CHET KG4IYS, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE: Shaun Helgesen KO4YAX, reported Paul, K1Y0U was recovering from shoulder surgery, which Paul attending the meeting, assured us he was OK! Mike Lechky, W0MJL was reportedly airlifted to either Tampa or Sarasota for a health emergency, we have no details yet.

VE TESTING; Steve NS4P, you must preregister for license testing, no walk-ins. We still have 5 slots available for the upgrade incentive program. Incentive ends in June.

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. May 6, next meeting

REPEATER / TECHNICAL; Steve NS4P 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. One charge controller is causing “birdies” on 20M and will be replaced.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT; no report, Dwight KT4DDS unable to attend meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Jack W1JJR reported that TARC has a total of 163 members as of April 10th. We have 13 new members since the beginning of January 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Frank Wroblewski, TARC Treasurer for 7 years is stepping down due to health reasons. Frank was awarded a “gold” trophy and a Proclamation of Appreciation for his many years of service from the club and beautifully prepared by Tom Waters KE4RXM. April has been proclaimed FRANK WROBLEWSKI month. Frank received round of applause for all his hard work doing the clubs business.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Repeater site report: Steve NS4P, we have found an affordable antenna climber who will come the last week of April to assess the project. Steve noted the cost of shipping was too high for the antenna he selected and is looking into alternatives. Road Trip?
2. Tampa TARC Fest this coming weekend, April 13-14.
3. SharkTooth Festival April 13-14. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help setup, operation, and tear down of our booth. K4S is our special call sign for the event. We will operate on 20m USB and DMR World Wide Net. Park at the high school on Indian Ave and take the shuttle to the event.
4. Florida QSO Party April 27 and 28. Although we have a great venue, Al Culbert's K0AL beautiful “antenna ranch” (my designation - ED.) we don't have a program manager to set things up and manage the weekend. No-one volunteered so there will be no W4AC station this year for the Florida QSO Party.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bob McAlister, KN4RKE, club member since February 2019 was elected club treasurer to replace Frank Wroblewski. Unanimous vote!
2. Venice Presbyterian Church, our club meeting site, is upgrading their audio-visual equipment at a cost in excess of \$4000. The BOD recommend that the membership

approve a \$1000 donation towards this project. Hop Evans, AC8NS motioned that the club donate \$1000 to VPC for the upgrade. 2nd by Nancy N4ZM, passed unanimously.

3. An advisory group consisting of Al K0AL, Tom KE4RXM, Gary W8SKI and Roger N9RM; will offer suggestions to the church for the addition of cameras and microphones to the AV upgrades.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul K1YOU and seconded by Roger N9RM, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Time of motion 7:28 pm

Attendance: Number of members 50

Post meeting program: Gus AA4GH gave a presentation of the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda. (900 West Marion Ave.) Within the museum is amateur radio station W7MHM. The station received grant for \$60,000 from the ARRL Foundation and set up a station (W7MH) to work with local STEM students.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at VPC @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wester
Secretary