

# MINUTES

## TAMPA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

### REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 3, 2011

The meeting was convened at 7:30 PM by President Bill Bode with approximately 25 members in attendance and he reviewed the status of the following topics;

**HF:** All of the Icom radios are back and have been re-installed in the radio room. The back tower rotator is now working and all bands are ok except 15M on which the driven and reflector elements are reversed! This has been the source of our past high SWR experience on the 15 M band. The Micro-hams are back (from being repaired) but they have not been programmed so there is no switching on the back tower.

The front tower rotator (working) is on loan from Biff, K4LAW and will be replaced next month. The C19 antenna had bad coax connectors but is now ok.

**REPEATERS:** The '.025 UHF machine is up and running thanks to Bill and Larry with a respectable 60 W into the can and about 45 out. The following quirk was noted by Mike, The machine will key-up without the tone (146.2), but it will not pass your audio without the tone, so if you are hitting the repeater and nobody will talk to you; make sure you have your tone on.  
The 147.105 repeater is repeating.

**FACILITIES:** Bill appealed for assistance from able and willing members on the following work projects;

#### Antennas

Repair building soffits where squirrels (without call signs) have chewed through, and some rot needs fixing.

Contact Bill if you can help on the tree trimming project.

We need a barb wire repair committee chairman.

We need a 3 pole 200A manual transfer switch.

We need a bunch of 2 gauge wire (3ea x 50').

We need some 213 coax?

Carl needs help on re-labeling the patch panel.

**EVENTS:** Next month is nominations for officers. In addition to the officer positions, there are 5 director positions open, two 3yr terms and three 1yr terms. So step up if you feel you would like to serve and will make the commitment. The general election will be at the March meeting, with the elected to take office in April.

The Board of Directors will meet this Thursday, January 6, 2011. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

**The Program Night (third Monday) activity is to be announced.**

**WEB SITE: Dan will be emailing off the reflector how to deal with some minor problems.**

**TARCFEST: Bill needs helpers/managers for the following; Parking ( Mike C. Mgr), Cooking, Gate-Keeper (Bill/Cindy?), Talk-in (Keating, Mgr), and everybody hyping the event every chance they get. There will be walk-in license testing later in the day when things have calmed down. All announcement venues have been utilized and several suppliers have signed up.**

**CONTESTS: NAQSO Party Jan 8 CW, Feb 26 RTTY, FLQSO Party Apr 30. Keating, KC4HSI, and Joe, K4TJO blew the socks off everyone last Thursday at the Amateur Radio Light House Society's Christmas Lights Celebration event at Reddington Long Pier. USCG Light #1430 was activated as a station with the special event call sign "K4R".**

**The event was great fun and we have been invited back to do it again.**

**FIELD DAY: Field Day needs a Chairman!!!**

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM**

**Respectfully submitted, Joe, K4TJO**