



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for July, 2023

These minutes are the board-approved record of The Villages Amateur Radio Club's expenditures of club funds, property transactions, contractual agreements and proceedings involving membership votes since the last General Membership meeting. The current club property inventory and financial report can be found on the club's website.

July 6, 2023 TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, began at 5:30. Officers present: president George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE) and Secretary Faith Olen, (N4FMO), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ) and Board Member at Large Rich Erlichman (ND4G). Mike Myers (K3DO) attended as a guest.

George announced that he would not be attending the July club meeting. He committed to producing the slides for the President's Report, including slides for Camp Villages and Field Day recaps. Mike will run the meeting.

Mike reported that Chief Nehemiah Wolfe, of The Villages Community Watch, will be our guest speaker for the July meeting. Chief Wolfe is always informative and entertaining.

Mike also reported on the search he is running for a replacement mug to give as a thank you to our guest speakers. The board discussed alternatives, including insulated travel tumblers, but no decision was reached. Mike will continue searching. Mike subsequently notified the board members (via email July 8) that he had ordered 10 mugs, similar to the mug that we currently use, to tide us over until a longer-term solution can be found. The cost of the 10 mugs is \$165.84.

The board continued to discuss the CERT proposal for having a group of TVARC volunteers trained and ready to augment communications with CERT members in case of an emergency. Further discussion was deferred until Sam Micelli (CERT) returns to The Villages.

Mark Newby (KX4LEO), Sumter County ARES, requested time at one of TVARC's meetings to give a presentation on ARES to the club. The board enthusiastically agreed, and George will contact Mark to see if he would be available to speak at the September meeting.

No other discussions or actions were taken.

July 20, 2023 TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, the vice president opened the meeting at 6:45. There were 62 attendees of which 49 were members and 13 were guests. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance, after which new members and visitors were asked to introduce themselves. This was followed by members announcing significant anniversaries and birthdays.

President's Report

George Briggs, TVARC president was not present at the July meeting. Michael Regan, TVARC's vice president, spoke in the absence of George.

Michael presented some statistics about the successful Field Day with pictures and slides with data. The FT8 station (which also served as a GOTA station) made 263 contacts, 8 members operated the SSB station making 257 QSOs, and 7 members operated the CW station making 499 QSO's. 20M was the big band with total of 282 QSOs. A total of 38 TVARC members participated. 4 stations were inside the main trailer (SSB, CW, GOTA, FT8) and 1 station inside the ARES trailer (VHF/UHF).

Next vice president Regan presented a report on Camp Villages with pictures of the event. Camp Villages was also a great success with 10 campers and 13 TVARC members participating. Each camper assembled a working radio. Other activities included a CW demonstration table (WB2ART), an example of an emergency Go Kit (N2AMW) and a chance to make real life radio contact through the TVARC repeaters (KM4ZTE).

Treasurer's Report

WA1UTQ reported that the club has a current balance of \$8,320.26.

Bruce also presented a status report on the club's three repeaters.

DXCC Standings

Pete, K2PS, was away from The Villages, so there was no report on DXCC standings and future DX opportunities.

Program: Chief Nehemiah Wolfe, The Villages Community Watch

After a brief break the members were treated to a presentation by Chief Nehemiah Wolfe of Community Watch. Chief Wolfe is not only a dynamic and engaging speaker. He has been instrumental in establishing the protocols for the current [Community Watch program of The Villages](#). He was the first Community Watch Director in the program and he is still the Director Chief of the program. He was instrumental in establishing such ideas as House Check, Out of Area and the Adult [Watch programs](#).

<https://districtgov.org/departments/Community-Watch/community-watch-faq.pdf>

Chief Wolfe's presentation was packed with information and resources about the Community Watch Program. The TVARC of The Villages would like to thank Chief Nehemiah Wolfe and our community for working together to create a safer village.

General Membership Adjourned

After 50/50 tickets were drawn, Mike adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:10 PM.