



## **The Villages Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for October, 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.

### **October 5, 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), Secretary Faith Olen, (N4FMO), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ) and Board Member at Large Rich Erlichman (ND4G).

We hope to hold Radio On the Square on November 25 when the CW World Wide DX contest is scheduled to take place. K2DM has submitted an application to The Villages Recreation Department to use Lake Sumter Landing Market Square for Radio on the Square. There was a question about approval for the use of the stage being included in the activities of the day. K2DM is currently waiting for a reply from the Recreation Department Director for additional approval for use of the stage. K2DM is expecting to hear back from the Director within 2 weeks as of this Board meeting. KM4ZTE is planning for the event. The focus of the day is to renew interest in Amateur radio and reacquaint and introduce the public to The Villages Amateur Radio Club.

K2DM was informed that the Recreation Department will be doing maintenance of the Eisenhower Recreation Center next year at the time of our September meeting. It was voted to request that the Recreation Department move the TVARC meeting back to the second week of September 2024 instead of the regularly scheduled third week of the month.

The Recreation Department also informed K2DM that they were not able to schedule a room for one of the weeks of the General class license classes. George requested that an extra week be added to the end of the class schedule to complete the class.

During this month's TVARC meeting, October 19, WA1UTQ will be presenting information about the local repeaters. There will be a 30 minute slide presentation followed by a 15 minute talk with the TVARC Repeater Team K4LFK, W2TR and WA1UTQ.

The November TVARC meeting program will be, "Tell Us about Your Antenna". It will consist of 5-10 presentations by club members describing the unique antennas they use to adhere to the deed restrictions in The Villages. KM4ZTE has created a list of participants as well as criteria for the presentations.

December's meeting will be the TVARC Holiday Party. ND4G is currently working on setting up an application called Punch Bowl for signing up for participation. Ham, Turkey and door prizes will be provided by TVARC. Those wishing to attend the party may sign up on Punch Bowl for the side dish or dessert they will bring. The board unanimously voted to purchase logo golf balls for prizes. Additional Tee shirts and 5 - \$50 FMK gift certificates for prizes were unanimously previously approved in the September Board meeting. There will be no music.

K2DM hosted a Silent Auction on the TVARC website. Thanks to his efforts, the club profited a total of \$718.01. Many thanks to Rosalind Bauer, K3ROZ for donating her late husband Richard Bauer's, W3RHB, radio gear to the club for the auction.

No other discussions or actions were taken.

### **October 19, 2023 TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes**

After the 45-minute period of socializing, the president opened the meeting at 6:45. There were 57 members and 12 guests in attendance. 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**

K2DM reported that the November program will consist of brief presentations by 10 club members. Each presentation will describe that member's unique antenna solution and how it fits within The Villages restrictions against outdoor antennas. KM4ZTE is organizing the program.

Next K2DM reported that Radio On the Square will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, as Lake Sumter Landing is not available on November 25<sup>th</sup>. KM4ZTE and W4GOR are co-chairing the event, and planning will take place at the club's November meeting.

The TVARC holiday party will be held December 21. The club will provide turkey and ham, and members will sign up via Punchbowl to bring side dishes and desserts. Door prizes will be provided by TVARC. K4ZDM and KB0ZUQ will organize the event.

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### **Treasurer's Report**

WA1UTQ reported that the club has a current balance of \$7,146.23.

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

### **DXCC Standings**

Pete, K2PS, described the latest DXCC standings, member accomplishments and upcoming contests/expeditions.

### **Program**

After a brief break the members were treated to a presentation by WA1UTQ, who described the various repeaters in and around The Villages. At the end, he was joined by K4LFK and W2TR who had actual repeaters to show to the members. The consensus was that the program was interesting and informative.

### **General Membership Adjourned**

After 50/50 tickets were drawn, K2DM adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:45 PM.