



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for August 2024

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 of July 18, 2024. The current club property inventory and financial report can be found on the club's website.

August 1, 2024 TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, was called to order at 5:30. Officers present: President George Briggs (K2DM); Vice President Mike Regan (KM4ZTE); Secretary Michael Hissam (N8NBE); Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ) and Board Member at Large Mike Myers (K3DO). Those who were present constituted a quorum. Also attending was Steve Walbrun (KD8WAA), TVARC webmaster,

Board Actions:

1. The Board voted unanimously to agree to charges not exceeding \$300 for KD8WAA (club webmaster) to acquire a website program from Square Space as part of the effort to upgrade the TVARC website. This vote followed discussion led by KD8WAA.

Board Direction and Discussion:

1. K2DM led Board discussion regarding the nominating committee for the next Board of Directors election for which K2DM and KM4ZTE have declined renomination. Discussion included identifying members to approach potential candidates, as well as needed to know current Board members interested in continuing to serve in that capacity. Several names were offered.
2. Board discussion then turned to protocol concerning posted and possible removal of club financial reports and date from the TVARC website. Options discussed included sharing this information only during club meetings or through member log in to website. Treasurer WA1UTQ supports the log in approach. KM4ZTE pointed out member-only web access would fulfill articles of bylaws.
3. "Show and Tell" picnic: Initial discussion took place as to how the event would take place. Rohan Recreation Center was cited as a possible location for a proposed September 26 event.
4. Discussed status of the 225 repeater and associated power problems, including a possible move to the 110 repeater.

1. Treasurers report: WA1UTQ reported financial update.

Board meeting Adjourned

K2DM, with board agreement, adjourned the Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

August 15, 2024 TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, President George Briggs (K2DM), opened the meeting at 6:45. 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 reminded the members that the September TVARC meeting would be held one week earlier in September because the Eisenhower Recreation would be closed. The meeting would be in our normal meeting room at our normal time, just one week earlier.

George announced that TVARC would hold an informal picnic gathering on September 26th at the Rohan Recreation Center picnic area.

George announced that the TVARC Board had voted to keep our financial information private. It would be shown at club meetings, but it would be scrubbed from minutes and presentation slides. It will be maintained in a members-only area of the club website once such becomes available.

Then K2DM gave an update on the growth of the Meshtastic network in the area as more and more club members are buying Mesh radios.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce Cusanelli's (WA1UTQ) treasurer's report showed the July income at \$129.00 and expenses at \$26.11.

WA1UTQ also presented a status report on the club's three repeaters and repeaters owned by others in The Villages..

DXCC Standings

Pete Stafford (K2PS) was away at the time of the meeting, so K2DM described the upcoming contests/expeditions, including pictures of Palmyra Island.

Program

The evening's program was a presentation on the Honor Flight, which was very well received by the members.

General Membership Adjourned

After 50/50 tickets were drawn K2DM adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Michael Hissam (N8NBE) and President George Briggs (K2DM)