



The Villages Amateur Radio Club (TVARC) Meeting Minutes for September 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 August 15, 2024. The current club property inventory and financial report can be found on the club's website.

September 5, 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), and Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ). Those who were present constituted a quorum. Also attending was Steve Walbrun (KD8WAA), TVARC webmaster,

Board Actions:

1. The Board voted unanimously to authorize spending up to \$300 for parts for the 443/448.225 repeater, which was damaged by lightning August 23.
2. The board approved spending up to \$600 for the purchase of 25 Tervis mugs to be used as honoraria for guest speakers, party door prizes and possible direct sales to members.
3. The board agreed to have a club holiday party instead of the normal December meeting. The party will include a potluck feature, and Punchbowl will be used to manage invitations and the potluck.

Board Direction and Discussion:

1. "Show and Tell" picnic: There was more detailed discussion concerning how the event would take place. The Rohan Recreation Center will be the site for the September 26 event. This will be a members-only event. Catering will be arranged through Publix. Planning continues for a table for sale items as well as for project items.
2. K2DM led preliminary discussion for the upcoming holiday party.
3. KD8WAA reported on a website template that is currently under evaluation.
4. Attending officers also discussed member interest in the EMCOMM team along with levels of participation in RACES, ARES and CERT.

Treasurers report:

WA1UTQ reported financial update.

Board meeting Adjourned

K2DM, with board agreement, adjourned the Board meeting at 6:40 p.m.

September 12, 2024 TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held a week earlier than normal because the Eisenhower Recreation Center was to be closed on the normal meeting day. After the 45-minute period of socializing, President George Briggs (K2DM), opened the meeting at 6:45. There were 44 members and 9 guests attending. The attendees 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 summarized the recent board meeting discussions (see above in the board meeting minutes). Then he detailed the plans for the club picnic on September 26.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ) reported on the status of the club's treasury.

WA1UTQ also presented a status report on local repeaters.

DXCC Standings

Pete Stafford (K2PS) described the latest DXCC standings, member accomplishments and supplied information for upcoming contests/expeditions. This information will be available on the website.

Program

John Dolan, of Ham Radio Outlet, gave a very interesting presentation about the evolution of ham radios.

General Membership Meeting Adjourned

After John's presentation, 50/50 tickets were drawn. K2DM adjourned the general membership meeting.

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