



The Villages Amateur Radio Club (TVARC) Meeting Minutes for November 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 October 17, 2024. The current club property inventory and financial report can be found on the club's website.

November 7, 2024 TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Officers present: President George Briggs (K2DM); Vice President Mike Regan (KM4ZTE); Secretary Michael Hissam (N8NBE); Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ), At-large member Mike Myers (K3DO). Those who were present constituted a quorum.

Board Actions:

1. The Board agreed to offer special exemption invitations to the upcoming TVARC picnic to newly licensed amateur operators who may not yet have joined the club. (K2DM proposed Zoom sessions for new operators as well as a special time on the Monday Ragchew net.)

Board Direction and Discussion:

1. Discussion took place regarding plans for the November 13 members-only picnic at Rohan Rec Center. This included assignments for water, ice and an additional table.
2. K2DM reaffirmed that Punchbowl will be used as part of the communication to members regarding the Christmas party.
3. K2DM and WA1UTQ noted recent hurricanes damaged the 443.225 repeater antenna.

Treasurers report:

WA1UTQ reported the status of the club's treasury. Actual amount on hand will be available to members at the next club meeting and in the future members-only portion of the new TVARC website.

Board meeting Adjourned

K2DM, with board agreement, adjourned the Board meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Hissam (N8NBE), TVARC Secretary

November 21, 2024 TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, President George Briggs (K2DM), opened the meeting at 6:45. There were 53 members and 16 guests attending in person. 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 summarized the recent board meeting discussions (see above in the board meeting minutes). Then he discussed the club's holiday party plans for December 19. Punchbowl invitations will be sent out to the membership in early December. Once again there will be a potluck dinner, with TVARC providing sliced ham and turkey and the members providing sides and dessert. There is space for 80 attendees.

George then reminded members about the early ticket order deadline for the Orlando Hamcation. He also stated that he would buy a tailgate space for TVARC members to bring items to sell.

He then reminded members about the Silver Springs Radio Club's Hamfest scheduled for December 7 in Ocala.

Finally, he showed some pictures from the TVARC picnic. From all reports a splendid time was had by all, and there was consensus that TVARC should make this an annual event.

Treasurer's Report

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

WA1UTQ also presented a status report on local repeaters. The antenna for the TVARC 443.225 repeater was knocked off kilter by the hurricanes. The repeater itself is fine, and the antenna works, but the radiation pattern is not optimum. The signal is weaker than normal to the north and central Villages.

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

Tom Menas, K3WT, gave a very interesting presentation about Parks On The Air (POTA). There is a lot of interest in POTA in the club.

General Membership Adjourned

After Tom'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