



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for March 2016

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.

### **March 3, 2016 Board Meeting**

Officers present: President Ron Adcock (KK4YCW), Vice-President Earle Hancock (KM4ISN), Secretary Tony Hackenberg (N8SK), and Treasurer Pete Stafford (K2PS). Thus, a Board Meeting Quorum was present (at least 3 of 4 officers must be present for a quorum). Ex-officers present: Rich Erlichman (ND4G), Larry Russo (K3TFU), George Briggs (K2DM), and Chuck Wyrick (N1UC). Others present: None.

Since all ex-officers and current officers were present, we discussed many transitional items. For example, Chuck Wyrick gave Pete Stafford an overview of his duties as treasurer. Each of the other ex-officers also provided overviews and transferred materials to help their incoming counterparts.

Larry Russo reported that The Villages has not yet reimbursed the club for the costs (about \$200) involved in last year's Camp Villages. The Board will follow-up on this.

The Board approved appointing Rich Erlichman as TVARC's volunteer "webmaster". Rich also reported that TVARC's roster shows 208 current members.

The Board approved stopping the sale of the ARRL items and clothing apparel at club meetings. Over the next several months, we will liquidate the current inventory by including these items in additional drawings of the 50-50 raffle tickets.

The Board approved expanding the number of "team-lead" roles to provide an opportunity for more club members to get involved in club activities. Ron Adcock will provide more details regarding these positions to the club membership. The Board

approved Earle Hancock as “Program Coordinator” (programs at club meetings) and George Briggs as “Special Events Coordinator” (only for 3 events: Radio on the Square, Radio Rodeo & Field Day).

Earle Hancock agreed to lead the MS Walk Team (event will be held on March 19). Ron Adcock will see that Earle gets the name of the MS Walk’s contact person.

Rich Erlichman reported that 21 of 22 people passed the recent license exam tests conducted by the club’s VECs.

Tony Hackenberg, N8SK, Secretary

## **March 17, 2015 General Membership Meeting**

### **[HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!]**

Thirty-six (36) of 212 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. Thus, there was not a quorum (25%) to conduct business. Three (3) guests signed in as well. Officers present: President Ronald Adcock (KK4YCW), Vice-president Earle Hancock (KM4ISN), Secretary Tony Hackenberg (N8SK), and Treasurer Pete Stafford (K2PS).

Since this was the first meeting conducted by those new officers, each officer gave a short biography to introduce themselves. At least three guests also introduced themselves and were warmly welcomed by the club members.

A synopsis of financial transactions since the last General Membership meeting was presented by Pete Stafford.

The Ronald Adcock reported that 25 of 27 people passed the recent round of licensing exams hosted by the club. So, our VECs are the proud fathers of 13 Technicians, 9 Generals, and 3 Extras (although the club did not offer an Extra training class this round). The club offered a round of applause to thank Ron and the instructors for their efforts in organizing and conducting the class. Later, Ron announced that he was in need of volunteers to serve as Educational Coordinators.

George Briggs, K2DM, described plans for the upcoming "Radio Rodeo 2016", on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Paddock Square, Brownwood. Volunteers are still needed; so, sign-up on the club's website. Len Klein, K4LFK, asked if "swap tables" could be part of this year's event and George said he would find out from the person in charge of events on the squares.

Earle Hancock reported on the upcoming "MS Walk", on March 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Polo Grounds. Volunteers are still needed; so, contact Earle or sign-up on the club's website.

Switching to his "Program Coordinator" hat, Earle requested that members volunteer to present programs at our club meetings. He also asked members to submit topics they would like to see at future meetings. Contact Earle to do a presentation or to suggest a topic. Since a possible future program by the Morse Telegraphic Club may be scheduled on a Saturday, Earle conducted a "straw poll" to see if the members present would come. The general consensus seemed to favor a special Saturday meeting but only if the regular monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) meeting was still also held.

Ron Adcock presented the "job descriptions" for these new leadership opportunities that he proposed and the Board approved (listed here in no particular order):

<u>Position</u>	<u>Vacant/Name of Volunteer</u>
Webmaster	Rich Erlichman (ND4G)
Program Coordinator	Earle Hancock (KM4ISN)
Cookie Monster Coordinator	Bob Averitt (WA3EWK)
Special Events Coordinator	George Briggs (K2DM) [limited to 3 events]
Community Services Coordinator	vacant
Educational Coordinators	vacant [need 3 total; 1 per licensing class]
Technical Coordinator	vacant
Public Relations & Outreach Coordinator	vacant
Holiday Party Coordinator	vacant

Len Klein, K4LFX, reported that the replacement of the antenna for the 443.150 MHz repeater is now scheduled for next week. Russell Merritt will do the climbing to replace the antenna but Len needs some additional volunteers. Len will provide more details via the club's reflector.

Bob Averitt, WA3EWK, said the kite flying club provided many words for the "wonder words" article in the newspaper (section D, of *The Villages Daily Sun*, on March 20<sup>th</sup>).

Art Fenn, KB9MI, encouraged getting more members active on the HF bands. His experience of working 42 countries, in about 6 hours, during the recent ARRL International DX (Phone) Contest, shows that HF can be done effectively from The Villages.

John Ellis, NP2B, reminded everyone that the amateur radio sessions of the "2016 Hurricane Conference" to be held in Orlando, on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be streamed online (for free).

Earle Hancock, KM4ISN, gave an interesting presentation on WLW – the only 500 KW radio station (in operation between 1934 and 1939). This video tour of WLW was well received by the membership. Thanks Earle.

Tony Hackenberg, N8SK, Secretary