



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for July 2015

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.

July 2, 2015 Board Meeting

Officers present: President Rich Erlichman, ND4G, Vice President Larry Russo, K3TFU, Secretary George Briggs, K2DM and Treasurer Chuck Wyrick, N1UC. A Board Meeting Quorum (4 of 4 officers) was present. Also present were Ronald (Ron) Adcock, KK4YCW and Richard (Dick) Bellerose, W1IJB.

Chuck proposed, and the board unanimously approved, that a hearty well done be given to all club members who participated in this year's Field Day exercise.

Dick is a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT is organized under the auspices of the Fire Department, and members have been given HTs (like Bao Fengs) to use on CERT-authorized frequencies. A number of CERT members would like to become hams so they can also use the radios in the ham bands. Dick had reserved a room at Station 51 starting September 14th for a Technician class for the 22 CERT members who had already signed up. Considerable discussion took place among the board, Dick and Ron, who is TVARC's coordinator of license classes, about how TVARC might fold the CERT students into the TVARC classes. Yhr following was decided:

1. TVARC will fold the CERT students into the Technician class.
2. The Technician class, which would normally be given later in the year, after the General class, will be moved earlier, to start in September.
3. Rich will request a large enough room for the Technician class.
4. Ron will work to get enough instructors to handle the change in schedule and class size.
5. Scheduling VE exams at the end of the course should not be an issue.
6. Dick and Ron will work on signing up CERT members who are interested in taking the class.

July 16, 2015 General Membership Meeting

During the Elmer Hour before the formal meeting, Larry Russo offered training for members who volunteered for Camp Villages.

Thirty-one of 207 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. A total of 45 people were in attendance. There was not a quorum (25%) to conduct business. Officers present: President Rich Erlichman, ND4G, Vice President Larry Russo, K3TFU, Secretary George Briggs, K2DM and Treasurer Chuck Wyrick, N1UC.

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

John Ellis, NP2B, asked members to sign letters in support of the "Amateur Radio Parity Act", which has now been introduced into the Senate as S-1685. John had numerous copies of the letters for members to sign during meeting breaks.

George Briggs recapped our Field Day exercise, with some pictures. His presentation, and many more pictures taken by W1EJM and WA1UTQ will be posted on the club website.

Issues requiring membership votes did not occur during this meeting.

After the meeting our ARRL Northern Florida Section Manager Steve Szabo, WB4OMM, gave an entertaining and educational presentation on "perception" of hams by non-hams and on having fun. Thank you Steve!

George Briggs, K2DM, Secretary