



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for November 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.

### **November 5, 2015 Board Meeting**

Officers present: Vice President Larry Russo, K3TFU, Secretary George Briggs, K2DM, and Treasurer Chuck Wyrick, N1UC. A Board Meeting Quorum (3 of 4 officers) was present. Also present was Ron Adcock, KK4YCW.

Ron Adcock reported that the Technician Class was all but completed. Only the exam session remained.

Radio on the Square is scheduled for late November. Club President Rich Erlichman, ND4G, put out a request on the club's website, and he will also put up a sign-up form for volunteers to help with the event. Because Rich was unable to attend this board meeting, George Briggs will reach out to him in the next few days for status. If no other club member has signed up to chair the event, George will serve as chair.

As promised to Marty Brown, WB2VYK, who is organizing the club's holiday party, the board decided on door prizes for the event. By a 3-0 vote the board approved five specific door prizes and the funds to purchase them. The specific prizes will be revealed at the party.

By a vote of 3-0 the board approved an updated TVARC budget. To date the board had been operating under the last budget that had been approved by the previous board.

The board spent considerable time discussing the proposed modification to the club's by-laws relative to dues. It was decided that additional discussion was needed among the board members and that a clear presentation of the implications of the changes needs to be presented to the membership before a vote.

## **November 19, 2015 General Membership Meeting**

Fifty-six of 223 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. There was 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.

Len Klein, K4LFX, gave an update of the replacement of the antenna for the 443.150 MHz repeater. High winds contributed to the postponement of the installation, which will be rescheduled shortly.

Ron Adcock, KK4YCW, reported that all of the students in the Technician class passed the test and will receive their licenses soon. The club offered a round of applause to thank Ron and the instructors for their efforts in organizing and conducting the class. Ron then announced that he was in need of volunteers to serve as instructors for the upcoming General class.

John Ellis, NP2B, updated the members on the status of the Amateur Radio Parity Act and once again urged members to contact their senators and representatives.

George Briggs, K2DM, described plans for Radio on the Square to be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Marty Brown, WB2VYK, described plans for the club's holiday party. She also spoke briefly about QST-NFL, the section newsletter, of which she is now the editor.

George Briggs announced that a vote on changing the Bylaw regarding club dues has been postponed until the January meeting. Formal notice of the proposed new wording for item number 3. "Dues" in the TVARC Bylaws was provided in last month's meeting minutes.

Pete Stafford, K2PS, gave an interesting presentation on 6 Meters – The Magic Band. Thank you Pete.

George Briggs, K2DM, Secretary