



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for September 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.

September 3, 2015 Board Meeting

Officers present: President Rich Erlichman, ND4G, Secretary George Briggs, K2DM and Treasurer Chuck Wyrick, N1UC. A Board Meeting Quorum (3 of 4 officers) was present. Also present was Ronald (Ron) Adcock, KK4YCW.

Ron laid out the schedule for the Technician Licensing class including the list of instructors assigned to each session. He requested the board's assistance in locating the DVD of videos that have been shown at each session in the past while test exams were being graded. George will look for the DVD.

Chuck led a discussion around the significance of being an ARRL affiliated club. 51% of the members of the club must be ARRL members for affiliation. Individual club members do not get a discount on ARRL membership. However, if TVARC members join or renew ARRL memberships through TVARC, TVARC gets a modest kickback from ARRL. It would be additional work for the TVARC treasurer, and the board deferred a decision on whether we should proceed.

Club membership was discussed relative to club dues. The board decided that members who are delinquent in paying dues, even after requests to do so, will be removed from the club roster and will not be eligible for the club reflector.

September 17, 2015 General Membership Meeting

Thirty-three of 207 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. 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.

This was our first meeting under the new format: 6:00-7:00 social and Elmer hour with soda and cookies followed by the formal meeting, including the night's program, at 7:00. A number of members expressed appreciation that the meeting ended around 8:45.

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

John Ellis, NP2B, once again asked members to sign letters in support of the "Amateur Radio Parity Act", which has now been introduced into the Senate as S-1685.

Ron Adcock could not make the meeting, but it was reported that 24 students showed up for the first Technician Class session. This is a bit below the number that had been expected, but still considerably larger than is our custom.

George Briggs, K2DM, gave a presentation on his 2005 CQWW SSB contest expedition to Dominica (J7).

Issues requiring membership votes did not occur during this meeting.

George Briggs, K2DM, Secretary