



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for October 2017

These minutes are the board-approved record of The Villages Amateur Radio Club's (TVARC) 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 are on the club's website.

October 5, 2017 Board Meeting

Earle Hancock (President) called this Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. EDT. This meeting was held at the Panera Bread restaurant (Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages).

Attendance. Officers present: President Earle Hancock (KM4ISN), Vice-President Rich Erlichman (ND4G), Secretary Tony Hackenberg (K4QR) & Treasurer Pete Stafford (K2PS). Thus, a quorum was present. Ex-officers present: None. Members present: Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ), Cal Fuhrman (WA3CTZ), Tom Grosvenor (NV1U) & Len Klein (K4LFLK). Guests present: None.

President's Report. Earle will try to reserve a room at one of the recreation centers for the VEC licensing exam session on Feb. 7, 2018 (so that Feb. 5 can remain a class session for review). The Board approved Earle's motion to spend up to \$300 to book the "Sounds of Live Entertainment" for the club's Christmas/Holiday Party. Although this is a \$150 increase over last year's entertainment (DJ) cost item, it will be mostly offset by the cutback in the meat order. Earle will contact the band to try to book them. Rich will publish a RSVP form on the club's website for this year's party.

Vice President's Report. Nothing to report by Rich.

Program Coordinator's Report. Rich confirmed that HRO's presentation ("Remote Rig Demo & New Products") will be in Oct. The Nov. slot is still vacant (but Rich's ARRL DVD may suffice). Yaesu's presentation ("System Fusion") is set for Jan. DX Engineering's presentation (via Skype) is in February. Karl Loeper (WVWG's weather guy) may do March's presentation.

Treasurer's Report. Pete noted the club roster for Oct. showed 211 members. Pete presented the September 2017 financial report but it was tabled until Pete corrects an omitted dollar figure. Pete paid HRO for the licensing class manuals (5 Tech; 10 General) and will soon pay the club's insurance (\$73.86/year). On September 24, Pete revised the club's property inventory to reflect recent property transactions. Len & Bruce provided Pete with more information about repeater property; so, Pete will again be updating this inventory.

Secretary's Report. Tony stated that "it's all on the club's website" (approved Board & Club meeting minutes, etc.). No official or informal correspondence to report. Tony still needs to send a thank-you to The Villages Computer Club for their donation of 2 laptops. Instead of a thank-you to the anonymous donor of the 4 ham radios, Rich will acknowledge the donation on the website.

Repeaters. Len Klein (K4LFX) gave a status on the 443.150 MHz repeater at The Villages Hospital. It's running fine; so, Len will update its status with the Florida Repeater Council (FRC). The Board should change the sponsor in the FRC's database from "K4VRC" to George Briggs (K2DM). Len also briefly commented on the 443.225 MHz repeater at the Wildwood Police Dept. Finally, Len suggested that somebody should offer to program people's HTs during the "Elmer Hour" at a club meeting.

Club Station Committee. On John Ellis' (NP2B) behalf, Tony reported that no suitable site has yet been found for the club station.

Educational Coordinator (EC)/Technician Licensing Class. No report.

Educational Coordinator (EC)/General Licensing Class. Cal Fuhrman (WA3CTZ) reported that the General Licensing Class has 12 students enrolled and class starts Oct. 9. Cal sold 1 student manual & gave the proceeds (\$25) to Pete. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that the drawing for the donated HF rig will be held at the Christmas Party.

Educational Coordinator (EC)/Extra Licensing Class. Cal Fuhrman (WA3CTZ) reported that the Extra Licensing Class starts Jan. 15. He'd like the Feb. 5 session to remain; so, the corresponding VEC licensing exam should be moved back to Feb. 7.

Radio on the Square. Tom Grosvenor (NV1U; Event Chair) plans to meet with his team of 10 volunteers. He's gathering ideas & will contact past event chairs.

Authorized/Paid Expenditures. The Board authorized the following expenditures/budget adjustments:

- \$300 (NTE) to book an entertainment music group for the Holiday/Christmas party.

Authorized Property Transactions. None.

Adjournment

Earle Hancock (President) adjourned this Board Meeting at 7:55 p.m. EDT.

Tony Hackenberg (K4QR), Secretary