



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for February 2018

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 club's current property inventory, financial report and roster can be found on the club's website.

### **February 1, 2018 Board Meeting [minutes approved & published separately]**

See separately published minutes for this board meeting on the club's website.

### **February 15, 2018 General Membership Meeting**

**Socialization Hour.** Before the business meeting, attendees socialized, snacked, haggled at the swap tables, and engaged in an informal "Elmer Hour." Don Crosby (W1EJM) hosted his second "Meet & Greet" for first-time attendees enrolled in a club-sponsored, licensing class. Three hams got their HTs programmed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> "HT Programming Session" conducted by Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ). Tony Hackenberg (K4QR) held a "birds-of-a-feather" session on flagpole antennas.

**Call to Order.** President Earle Hancock (KM4ISN) called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. EST. This meeting was held at the Eisenhower Rec. Ctr., in The Villages, Florida.

**Attendance.** Fifty-three (53) of 202 total members signed-in as being present for the meeting. Thus, there was a quorum (25%=51) to conduct business. Officers present: President Earle Hancock (KM4ISN), Vice-President Rich Erlichman (ND4G), Secretary Tony Hackenberg (K4QR) & Treasurer Pete Stafford (K2PS).

**Pledge of Allegiance & Agenda.** After the Pledge of Allegiance, Earle presented tonight's agenda and conducted the meeting.

**Visitors/New Members/Celebrations.** Earle asked visitors & new members to introduce themselves and many did so. One birthday boy announced his 69<sup>th</sup> (Bruce WA1UTQ); but, nobody acknowledged any anniversaries.

**Licensing Exam “Braggs”.** Earle asked for “brags” by attendees who recently passed a licensing exam and five (or more) of the newly upgraded Extras crowded.

**HamCation 2018.** In response to Earle’s inquiry, a large show of hands indicated that many attended & enjoyed the Orlando HamCation® 2018. [Secretary’s addendum: “HamCation” is a registered trademark of the Orlando Amateur Radio Club.] They raved about the tailgate, grilled lunch that Dick Eveson (KN4IFK) & Larry Andersen (AL4B) hosted for TVARC members at this ham convention.

**Election of TVARC’s Officers for 2018-2019.** Earle (as Presiding Officer) again listed this slate of candidates vetted by the Nominating Committee: Ron Adcock (KK4YCW) for President; Tom Grosvenor (NV1U) for Vice-President; Larry Russo (K3TFU) for Secretary; & Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ) for Treasurer. Earle then requested but received no additional nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. So, Earle declared the nominations closed and moved onto conducting the elections. A motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the Nominating Committee’s slate of candidates was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Pursuant to Earle’s instruction, the Secretary (Tony/K4QR) certified these election results.

**“State of the Club” Report by Outgoing Board.** Tony (K4QR; Secretary) introduced the “State of the Club” report via an analogy. So, we pretended the club went to a doctor for a physical and now several specialists are reporting back the results of the various tests run on the patient (club). [Secretary’s addendum: The regular “litany” of reports by officers, event chairs & activity leads was usurped tonight by this “State of the Club” report, which is available on the club’s website.]

**Adjournment.** Earle (President) adjourned tonight’s business meeting at 7:37 p.m. EST.

**Presentation/Program.** At 8:00 p.m. (after resolving the technical difficulties that prevented piping audio into the room’s speaker system), Bob Naumann (W5OV; International Sales Manager for DX Engineering, Inc.) began his presentation on “DX Engineering’s Corporate History & New Products.” [Secretary’s addendum: Bob’s presentation is NOT available on the club’s website]

**Mug presentations.** Since tonight’s presenter came to us remotely (via Skype), Earle did not conduct a mug presentation.

**Raffle.** Tonight’s lucky ticket holder (Wayne Brown/N4FP) won \$77 in the 50/50 drawing.

Tony Hackenberg, K4QR, Secretary