



## 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 current club property inventory and financial report are on the club's website.

### February 1, 2018 Board Meeting

Earle Hancock (President) called this Board Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. EST. 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: Ron Adcock (KK4YCW). Members present: Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ), Don Crosby (W1EJM) & Tom Grosvenor (NV1U). Guests present: None.

**President's Report.** Earle reported that no additional nominations for officers have been submitted. At the club meeting on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, Earle will again ask for nominations from the floor and then proceed with the election of officers.

**Vice-President's/Program Coordinator's Report.** Putting on his Program Coordinator's mantle, Rich confirmed that Don Crosby (W1EJM) agreed to move his presentation on "Flattops on Flagpoles" to the club's April meeting (instead of the August one). Ralph McNall (WB2DCL) triggered this re-scheduling when he informed Rich that he would not be available to give his scheduled presentation ("Integrate YSF DR-1 Digital Repeater") in April. Rich gave Earle some information about February's presenter so that Earle can submit the "alien" speaker form to The Villages-powers-that-be.

**Treasurer's Report.** Pete highlighted the January 2018 financial report (reflecting among other things, the payment of the club's annual Florida corporation filing fee of \$61.25). He also summarized the latest edition of the club's Property Inventory report

(December 11, 2017). The Board unanimously approved both reports. Pete noted that the club roster for February showed 202 members.

**Secretary's Report.** Tony stated that "it's all on the club's website" (approved Board & Club meeting minutes, etc.). He reported no official or informal correspondence. He still needs to update the running tally of Board authorized expenditures/property transactions to reflect the foregoing financial report & any transactions that the Board may authorize at this meeting.

**MS Walk 2018.** Earle (Event Chair) still needs more volunteers to adequately staff the communications team for this event. Earle will pass around a clipboard sign-up sheet at the club meeting on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Members can also use the web-based, sign-up form. [Secretary's addendum: As of 2/4/2018, only 2 to 3 members had volunteered via the web form.]

**H-T Programming Session.** Bruce (WA1UTQ; Activity Lead) will conduct the 3<sup>rd</sup> H-T programming session (for any brand of HTs) during the Social/Elmer hour at the Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

**Educational Coordinator (EC)/Technician Licensing Class.** Ron (KK4YCW) reported on the upcoming, club-sponsored, Technician Licensing Class (starting on Feb. 10). So far, only 4 or 5 students have enrolled. Ron indicated that if he is elected TVARC's President, then he will need to relinquish his role as the EC for Technician. [Secretary's addendum: So, if Ron is elected, then the incoming Board will need to find another volunteer for this leadership position.]

**Educational Coordinator (EC)/General Licensing Class.** Cal Fuhrman (WA3CTZ) was unable to attend but e-mailed in a brief status update on the upcoming, club-sponsored, General Licensing Class (starting on Mar. 12). The class materials are ready; however, he needs at least 2 to 3 more instructor volunteers. So far, nobody has volunteered to be the next EC for General Classes. [Secretary's addendum: Cal wants to relinquish his role as EC for General Classes; while still retaining this role for Extra Classes).]

**Educational Coordinator (EC)/Extra Licensing Class.** Cal's e-mailed status report also reported that the last session of the ongoing, club-sponsored, Extra Licensing Class is on Feb. 5. Cal noted that attendance per session was high (ranging between 14 & 18 students). Rich (ND4G) also noted that attendance was good (averaging 13, or more, students per session). Cal extended his thanks to his invaluable instructors: Rich Erlichman (ND4G), John McCollough (KB4KP) & Dave Yulke (AA2GT).

**Outreach by Student Greeter.** At the Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Don Crosby (W1EJM) will again welcome licensing class enrollees who are attending their first club meeting.

**Volunteer Exam Coordinator (VEC).** Rich (ND4G; ARRL VEC Liaison) reported that his VE teams are ready to conduct all 3 of the upcoming, club-sponsored, VEC-

administered, licensing exams (on Feb. 7, Mar. 3 & Apr. 23). Reflecting on the past two years, Rich provided a statistical report on the success of the club-sponsored, licensing exam sessions: 57 new, or upgraded, hams in 2 years! During this retrospective period, Rich reported that the VE team conducted 4 exam sessions producing these statistics:

- 29 VEs (7.2 VEs/session);
- 63 test candidates (15.75 candidates/session);
- 57 passed (got new/upgraded licenses: 30 Techs, 23 Generals & 4 Extras); &
- 6 failures (candidates who did not get a new, or upgraded, license).

**“State of the Club.”** Tony noted that Pete & Rich have contributed statistics and/or slides to help prepare for the “State of the Club” report (to be given during the business segment of the club meeting on Feb. 15). Tony encouraged others to submit additional statistics and/or anecdotal references to help prepare the slide deck for this report.

**Transition from Outgoing Board to Incoming Board.** Tony reported that a transitional document covering a wide range of topics will be e-mailed to the members of the newly-elected Board after the Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> club meeting. As outgoing Treasurer, Pete (K2PS) is preparing a transitional document for his incoming counterpart. Earle encouraged officer-level, transitional meetings and a joint incoming/outgoing Board meeting as ways to smooth this upcoming transition. As outgoing President, Earle plans to meet with his incoming counterpart soon after the elections on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Authorized/Paid Expenditures.** No new authorizations occurred during the face-to-face Board meeting.

**Authorized Property Transactions.** The Board unanimously ratified Earle’s acceptance of five (5) pieces of donated equipment from the estate of William Clements (N3XUT; SK). Earle explained how the extremely tight time constraints, imposed on him by the decedent’s family, prevented him from getting prior Board approval & caused him to act unilaterally (contrary to Board established policy) to accept this donated equipment. The club thanks the daughter of the deceased for her family’s generosity in making this donation. In unanimously approving the ratification motion, the Board also specified this equipment’s disposition:

1. Headphones (David Clark, Model# H10-30, no serial#) – keep in club inventory;
2. Power supply (Kenwood, Model# PS-53, S/N# 30800297) – keep in club inventory;
3. External Speaker (Kenwood, Model# SP-31, no serial#) – keep in club inventory;
4. Dual-band, FM portable radio (Kenwood, Model# TM-733, SN# 70400017, with microphone & power cord) – keep in club inventory; &
5. HF/VHF/UHF Transceiver (ICOM, Model# IC-706MkIIIG, S/N# 14024, 100 watts, with microphone & power cord) – sell it.

Earle will ask George (K2DM) to appraise the value of that ICOM transceiver that will be put on sale. Following Don’s (W1EJM) sage selling advice, this transceiver will first be

offered to club members (in good standing) to purchase (at a discounted value) at a future club meeting. If it does not sell, then it will be offered for sale (at the full appraised value with negotiated wiggle room) to the general ham community via appropriate online venues (i.e. eHam.net, eBay.com, etc.). [Secretary's addendum: After this meeting, the Board engaged in a series of online e-mails, to pin-down the logistics of selling this ICOM rig. George (K2DM) appraised the value of it & recommended a discounted asking price for sale to members. Meanwhile, the Board decided to use "sealed bids" to sell this rig to our members using that discounted asking price as the "minimum reserve" value. If no bids meet, or exceed, this value, then the rig does NOT sell to a member; but, rather, gets offered to a wider audience via online venue(s). Don's (W1EJM) addendum: The same minimum reserve should apply to the online venue. Shipping & insurance are not included in the minimum reserve. If the minimum reserve is not met in the online venue, then the incoming (newly-elected Board) will need to decide how to proceed (their options could include keeping it as club property or lowering the minimum reserve. However, if they lower it, a second round of bidding by club members should be conducted before placing the item for sale via online venue(s).]

## **Adjournment**

Earle Hancock (President) adjourned this productive Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m. EST.

Tony Hackenberg (K4QR), Secretary