The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for April 2019

These minutes are the board-approved record of The Villages Amateur Radio Club’s April 2019 General Membership meeting. The current club property inventory, roster and financial report can be found on the club’s website.

April 18, 2019 General Membership Meeting

Fifty-five of 145 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. Four people joined the club at the meeting. There was a quorum (25%) to conduct business. Officers present: President George Briggs, K2DM, Vice President Sam Brown, KB8SB, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ, and Board Member at Large John Ellis, NP2B.

The entire set of slides that were presented and discussed at the meeting have been placed on the TVARC website.

George Briggs presented a summary of actions taken by the Board since the previous General Membership meeting. These can be found in the minutes of the April 4th Board meeting on the TVARC website. One item of particular note is that the Board authorized the purchase of two new laptop computers to be used for education classes and for the club Secretary. Another noteworthy item is that the Sumter County Assistant County Administrator informed TVARC that we must remove our repeater from the Annex. Further information can be found on the meeting slides on the website.

George Briggs put out another plea for volunteers to serve as committee chairs for Field Day, Camp Villages and Hurricane Expo. George Rutkowski, W4GOR, volunteered to chair Hurricane Expo.

The members recognized the contributions of Rich Erlichman, ND4G, for maintaining the TVARC website.

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

On behalf of Neil Schulman, KN4KPD, George Briggs reported that Neil started a Technician License class on April 17th. Cal Fuhrman, WA3CTZ, reported that the next General License class will be in the October time frame.

Some club members have been experiencing noise in their receivers. The noise has similar characteristics among those members. At this time the Board decided not to establish a formal committee to research and resolve the noise. Instead, interested members should work with John Ellis, NP2B, who volunteered to coordinate their efforts.
John Ellis read a list of club equipment from the storage locker that the club is offering for sale. The equipment is being sold through the ‘Items for Sale’ page on the TVARC website. Check there if you think you might be interested.

Issues requiring membership votes did not occur during this meeting.

After the meeting the members were treated to a video about the 2015 Navassa Island DXpedition. The video was provided by Chuck, K9IA. Reactions were very positive.

Submitted by George Briggs, K2DM, President, on behalf of Frank Molloy, KA1AF, Secretary.