



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2023

April 6, 2023, TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, began at 6 PM. Officers present: President George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ), Secretary Faith Olen, (N4FMO) and Sam Miceli, (KJ4KJY) as a guest to continue discussions with CERT.

Several items were discussed and finalized in preparation for Radio Rodeo. K2DM will be emailing an updated list to all members of what people signed up to bring. There will be 2-3 people available on 443.225 to talk on HT's for demonstration purposes during the hours of Radio Rodeo.

Hurricane Expo will be at the Savannah Center again this year in May. TVARC will be represented by WA1UTQ and W4GOR. WA1UTQ will pick up the box with posters and information from the locker 2 days before the event.

ND4G, K2DM and KM4ZTE updated and finalized the TVARC inventory as of April 4, 2023. Holdings now accurately reflect and include items owned by TVARC. The recently purchased club power supplies and ICom 7300 carry cases for events have been added.

KM4ZTE reported that the following topics were established for future presentations at club meetings. April: an in person presentation by Patrick Walsh from Energy Incineration. May: K2DM, will host a program on FT8 basics with a question and answer period. June's meeting will be centered toward participation in Field Day to be held June 24 & 25. July's program will include a recap of June's Field Day pictures and comments.

There was continued discussion about TVARC's participation in cooperating with CERT and emergency preparedness. KJ4KJY, as a CERT representative, fielded questions from the board and the need of 5-10 volunteers from TVARC. KJ4KJY will prepare a more detailed description of what will be expected of TVARC, after which KM4ZTE and K2DM will set about soliciting volunteers from TVARC.

The board unanimously voted to allocate \$400 for the Sheriff's fundraising golf tournament and to include brochures in the players gift bags. Tournament will be held June 3rd. \$400.00 will be allocated for this event.

K2DM, George, presented a spread sheet with a list of the club repeaters and status of those repeaters for the board to review. WA1UTQ explained that the TVARC repeater team is searching for parts to purchase to install in controller in the club's new Yaesu repeater.

The board unanimously voted on KM4ZTE's, choice of the design of new TVARC cups for presentation to guests who present at our meetings. Mike will get estimates for the new mugs.

No other discussions or actions were taken.

April 20, 2023, TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, the president opened the meeting at 6:45. 66 members attended (signed in), and there were 15 visitors. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance, after which new members and visitors were asked to introduce themselves. This was followed by members announcing significant anniversaries and birthdays.

President's Report

George reported that Hurricane Expo will be held on May 5th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Savannah Center. WA1UTQ and W4GOR will represent TVARC at the event. All TVARC members are welcome to stop by for a visit.

The sale of additional donated items from the estate of AA2GT is nearly complete, with over \$1,000 added to the TVARC treasury.

Radio Rodeo was a huge success. More than two dozen TVARC members participated. Twelve people joined the club, and six people signed up for license classes. George showed pictures of many of the TVARC participants, including a picture of him being interviewed by WVLG's Krista Joy live on the air. George thanked Michael Hissam for arranging to have The Daily Sun publicize Radio Rodeo and for WVLG to cover the event.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce, WA1UTQ, reviewed with membership a synopsis of financial transactions in March. At the end of March the club treasury had a balance of \$6,781.31. The only expenses in March were for the Cookie Monster. Bruce reported that 19 new members joined the club in March.

Bruce also reported on the status of the club's three repeaters and various other repeaters in the area.

DXCC Standings

Standing in for K2PS, K2DM described the latest DXCC standings, member accomplishments, and upcoming contests/expeditions. There was particular emphasis on the upcoming Florida QSO Party.

Guest speaker program

After a brief break the members enjoyed a very interesting presentation by Patrick Walsh of Covanta. Covanta is the company that converts the garbage that is collected in The Villages and converts it into energy. Thanks to KM4ZTE for arranging this well-received program.

General Membership Adjourned

After 50/50 tickets were drawn, George adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by N4FMO and K2DM