



## **The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for August 2019**

These minutes are the board-approved record of The Villages Amateur Radio Club's 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 can be found on the club's website.

### **Aug 1, 2019 Board Meeting**

Officers present: President George Briggs, K2DM, Vice President Sam Brown, KB8SB, Secretary Frank Molloy, KA1AF, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ and Member at Large John Ellis, NP2B. A Board Meeting Quorum (5 of 5 officers) was present. The following club members were present: Rich, ND4G and Tom, NV1U.

Bruce, WA1UTQ indicated it was too early in the month for a final statement on finances. He indicated, at present, there was \$4271.82 in the checking account and that the total funds was \$4381.82.

The Board approved the replenishment of the repeater maintenance petty cash fund to \$100.

The Vice President was requested to contact the band and remind them that we still want them for our Holiday Party as requested last year.

The addition of door prizes for our Holiday Party was discussed by the board. The Board then approved \$250 for these door prizes. John, NP2B agreed to investigate the possibility of obtaining gift certificates from Villages restaurants.

George, K2DM reminded everyone that we still need a chairman for Radio on the Square. An announcement will be made at the next membership meeting.

A free raffle will be conducted at the Aug meeting. Each person will be allowed to enter their name once for each item. Winners names will be drawn just before the break to determine winners.

An auction/sale will be conducted on various items during the September meeting. Details on items available and on auction method will be provided during the August membership meeting.

George, K2DM, indicated a letter had been sent to The Villages regarding the reimbursement for expenses related to Camp Villages.

John, NP2B, agreed to be the leader/coordinator for the committee to review and propose modifications to the TVARC Constitution and By-Laws.

### **August 15, 2019 General Membership Meeting**

Prior to the general meeting, the free raffle was successfully conducted. Winners were randomly selected by drawings.

56 of 178 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. This included 7 new members. There was a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

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George, K2DM, presented the President's Report. George reiterated the need for a chairman to lead the Radio On the Square (ROS) event. There were no volunteers at this time.

George next updated the members on the upcoming Holiday Party in November and pointed out that this year there would be some interesting door prizes.

George then outlined the upcoming silent auction at the September meeting. A list of auction items was provided along with the process to be used.

Sam, KB8SB, Vice President, then noted that the September presentation would be "CW Academy" by our own Tom Grosvenor.

The treasurers report and update on repeaters was given by Bruce, WA1UTQ. Details are provided online at the clubs website.

Pete, K2PS, then presented an update on the DXCC, WAS club competitions and an update on the present and near term DXpeditions. This information, with additional details, is also on the club's website. Pete noted that the DXCC tracking for FT8 would now include FT4 contacts. At present, there will be no separate tracking of FT4.

A brief presentation was given by Yang, W9ETC, regarding the "Hands On Tech" club. Their kickoff meeting is Sept 12. The club includes aspects of 3D printing, Raspberry Pi etc. More information is available at [handsontech.org](http://handsontech.org).

After the general meeting, the presentation on Florida Weather was given by David Towle, meteorologist from WVLG. The presentation was well received by the members.

Posted by KA1AF, Secretary