



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for February 2021

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.

### **February 04, 2021 Board Meeting**

Due to the continued restrictions imposed because of the Corona Virus Pandemic our board continues to meet via Zoom to conduct club business.

Officers present were: President George Briggs, K2DM, Vice-President Mark Graybill, W8BIT, Secretary Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ and Board Member-At-Large, John Ellis, NP2B.

Guests in attendance included: Rich Erlichman, ND4G, Mike Regan, KM4ZTE and Paul Nittel, KM4PIH.

Programs: George Briggs, K2DM has been approached by Bob Heil of Heil Sound to give a presentation to TVARC. The date is to be confirmed. John Ellis, NP2B has secured an agreement from Mike Pilgrim, K5MP to do a program in March on the Cootie Key. If Bob Heil is not available for February, George will do a program on The Land.

Election of Officers for 2021: February is our election of officers' month. Nominations from the floor for all positions will be requested at the February meeting. If there are any additional nominees, they will be added to the current slate of nominees from the nominating committee. The current slate of nominees includes Mike Regan, KM4ZTE, President, Paul Nittel, KM4PIH, Vice President, Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ, Treasurer, Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary and John Ellis, NP2B, Board Member at Large. A simple majority of those members present is all that is required to elect our new officers.

Club Zoom Account: George reminded the Board that following the completion of the elections for 2021 that accounts and contracts such as Zoom, our storage locker and bank account will have to be modified to change the ownership to our new officers. After the upcoming election, Mike Regan, KM4ZTE offered to research the process to update our Zoom account.

Mike Regan, KM4ZTE asked about club goals for 2021. The primary discussion focused on ways to increase club participation and camaraderie. Some comments were:

Mark Graybill, W8BIT – felt we needed a method of keeping people in touch especially during this time of Covid-19. He offered, and subsequently following the board meeting, set up a club Facebook page.

John Ellis, NP2B – suggested that after we feel safe enough to again meet in person, that we consider broadcasting our meetings via Zoom so that those who are unable to attend in person can do so virtually.

Rich Erlichman, ND4G – brought up an idea that has been discussed before; to develop a VOTA – Villages on the Air activity. Following the meeting, Mark Graybill made an effort to create a list of Villages, including their District Numbers, that could be used to identify available villages and other locations.

George Briggs, K2DM – brought up the question of how we define what is SAFE to determine when we can go back to meeting in person. Obviously, there are many different answers to this question.

Paul Nittel, KM4PIH – liked the VOTA idea and wanted to find way to engage members off air.

George Briggs, K2DM reported that on January 12, 2021 club member David Yulke, AA2GT became a SK. His wife has donated a significant amount of radio equipment and devices to TVARC. George has offered to take pictures and prepare descriptions that can be used to conduct another On-Line Silent Auction to generate funds for the club. Rich Erlichman, ND4G our webmaster will set up the auction to be conducted on our club website.

Finances: Bruce reported that the ending balance for January was \$6,882.32 including 12 new members and 18 renewals with several paying thru 2022 and 2023.

Bruce also reported that an error in the original filing of our State of Florida Articles of Incorporation for TVARC, Inc. has been corrected and our filing is complete for 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Schwer, K3ZGA  
Secretary, TVARC

## **February 18, 2021 General Membership Meeting**

Our February membership meeting was held via Zoom again as the pandemic continues.

We had one new member who introduced himself this month, Steve, AD4K.

Upcoming birthdays and anniversaries were announced and acknowledged.

The nominating slate for Officers for 2021 was presented and the floor was open for additional nominations. There were none. A motion was made to close the nominations by KJ4KJY and was seconded by K1MGR.

Our officers for 2021 were voted on. Our new officers are:

President:	Mike Regan, KM4ZTE
Vice-President:	Paul Nittel, KM4PIH
Secretary:	Bob Schwer, K3ZGA
Treasurer:	Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ
Member-At-Large:	John Ellis, NP2B

We are most grateful for the service of outgoing President, George Briggs, K2DM who served admirably for the past two year. We also appreciated the service of outgoing Vice President, Mark Graybill, W8BIT.

Bruce, WA1UTQ presented the Treasurers report for January. He reported 10 new members and 18 renewals including 1 each for 2022, 2023 and 2024. Our total funds as of 1/31/2021 are \$6,858.32.

Our program for the evening was presented by George Briggs, K2DM. It was an interesting and entertaining presentation on the development of George and Karen's contest station and antenna farm at THE LAND.

Posted by Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary