



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for February 2022

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 3, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes via Zoom**

Officers present were President Mike Regan, KM4ZTE, Vice-President Paul Nittel, KM4PIH, Secretary Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ and Board Member-At-Large, John Ellis, NP2B.

Guests in attendance included: Past President, George Briggs, K2DM, and Webmaster, Rich Erlichman, ND4G.

#### **Review of Annual Renewal of Hanover Insurance Policy**

This policy is a Liability policy required by The Villages to protect the club and members, along with The Villages for club events and activities. The cost of this policy is \$91.

#### **State of Florida Articles of Incorporation – annual Fee \$70.**

#### **Zoom Broadcast – effectiveness and future implementation**

A discussion was held about the effectiveness of offering Zoom broadcasts for the membership. George voiced an opinion that he did not feel the service was worth the effort for the average five or six people a month that utilize the service. The board was in agreement that the service was of value during the pandemic, but it seems to have served its value.

It was moved and carried that we stop broadcasting Zoom to the members and that we maintain the necessary equipment to have off-site speakers.

#### **Sumter County Sheriff's Golf Outing**

We have not yet received the notice of the event for 2022. The opinion was that we wish to continue sponsoring the event. The approvals will be determined at a future meeting after receiving the notice.

## **VE Team Exams and Software Upgrades**

The VE Team, led by Rich Erlichman, ND4G has received an anonymous donation of 20 "Fire 7" tablets for use in VE Exams. The ARRL has announced that they are going to migrate to fully automated exam routine. Our team saw this coming and has already started a hybrid routine. The receipt of these tablets will allow our VE Team to migrate to the fully automatic routine.

A tablet software will be required to assure that the tablets can only be used to test taking. A request has been made by our VE Team for the club to provide \$120.37 at today's exchange rate for the 20 licenses required. The board pre-approved up to \$150 to cover the life-time registrations for the tablets.

A request was made by the VE Team to create a sub-domain off the K4VRC website to support the automated VE Exams. Possible domain name could be veexams.K4VRC.com. It was discussed and approved.

### **Possible presenter for the February meeting.**

Paul, KM4PIH has been having difficulty confirming his previously planned speaker. The board discussed several potential speakers that he can pursue.

Cookie Monster will be Karen Regan this month.

### **Radio Rodeo at Brownwood in April**

George Briggs, K2DM proposed that we do Radio Rodeo in Brownwood this spring. He has volunteered to chair a committee and utilize part of the March meeting to do planning. He will be researching to find the proper people to contact for approval.

### **Treasurers Report**

Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ updated our treasurers report for February. We currently have \$10,934.41 on hand. Bruce reported he had eight new members in January.

Bruce also reported that TVARC member, David Kreider, KE1EF passed away two weeks ago. At the request of the family, Gary Sienkiewicz, W2TR and Len Klein, K4LFK picked up his radio equipment today. The equipment will be checked out and delivered to George Briggs, K2DM for a future silent auction for the club.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Schwer, K3ZGA  
Secretary, TVARC

## February 17, 2022      General Membership Meeting Minutes

Our February membership meeting was held in person at Eisenhower Recreation Center. Sixty-one people were in attendance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged.

Officer's reports were given and our election of officers for 2022 was held. A unanimous vote elected the following officers:

President – George Briggs, K2DM  
Vice-President – Mike Regan, KM4ZTE  
Secretary – Paul Parker, K3ALP  
Treasurer – Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ  
Board Member-At-Large – Rich Erlichman, ND4G

Ken Kaplan, WB2ART gave an update on the club's SKCC activities. K4VRC has attained Tribune x 5 status in our drive to achieve Senator status.

George Briggs, K2DM announced that the club will be conducting Radio Rodeo, our public operating event, on April 9 in Brownwood. Set up will be a 7 AM and we will break down by 2 PM. George has secured the necessary approvals and scheduling with The Villages and specific planning and volunteer commitments will be done during our March meeting.

Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ updated the club on the January Treasurers' Report. At the end of January our total money on hand was \$11,046.14. We gained 8 new members at this meeting.

Pete Stafford, K2PS did his update on the operating activities of our membership. He reported on the achievements of members working toward their WAS and DXCC awards, along with the status of FT8/FT4 digital achievements. Several members reported on personal operating goals and Pete highlighted their activities.

Our program was presented by club member, Jim Ross, W4GHL on early receiver design and a 1930's era Zenith radio that was featured on The Walton's TV show.

Posted by Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary