



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for February 2023

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 2, 2023, TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, began at 5:30. Officers present: President George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE) and Secretary Paul Parker, (K3ALP), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ) and Board Member at Large Rich Erlichman, (ND4G). A quorum, 5 of 5 officers, was present.

The members discussed preparations for the February club meeting, in which candidates for office for 2023 will be elected. The election will take place at the end of the business meeting, immediately before the break.

The board members discussed the advisability of purchasing a second Yaesu fusion repeater, but it was unanimously decided not to do so. Our existing repeaters do not get enough use to warrant the expenditure.

One of the members of TVARC's repeater team had proposed to George that the club's new Yaesu repeater would enjoy a longer lifespan if we dialed down the output from the repeater and fed it to an external amplifier. Bruce argued firmly against this proposal, so it was agreed that the board members would obtain a consensus from all three members of the repeater team (W2TR, K4LFK, WA1UTQ) before making a final decision. It would cost the club about \$100 to implement the proposal.

The board decided that the program for the February meeting would be a review in pictures and words of the upcoming Hamcation. Mike agreed to pull it together.

Bruce notified the board members that Hurricane Expo will be held May 5th this year, and he asked whether the board wanted him and W4GOR to staff a TVARC booth as they have in recent years. The board agreed.

Rich notified the board that the Go Daddy annual renewal was due for the club website, and the board unanimously agreed to pay the fee.

No other discussions or actions were taken.

February 16, 2023, TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, the president opened the meeting at 6:45. The meeting was carried by Zoom for remote attendees. 57 members attended in person, and 4 attended via Zoom. 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 the board of directors had voted NOT to purchase a second Yaesu repeater. Reasons given were that our three repeaters were working well and that there is not enough usage to merit the purchase.

Elections were held for officers for 2023. The nominees were:

George Briggs, K2DM, for president.

Mike Regan, KM4ZTE, for vice president.

Faith Olen, N4FMO, for secretary.

Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ, for treasurer.

Rich Erlichman, ND4G, for board member at large.

George opened the floor for any additional nominees. None were forthcoming. A motion was made from the floor that nominations be closed and that the slate of nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded, and the members approved the slate by acclamation. It was suggested that an actual vote by a show of hands was required, so one was held. It too was unanimous.

George then thanked Paul Parker, K3ALP, for his service as secretary during 2022. The members gave Paul an appreciative round of applause.

George then took a moment to remind the members that TVARC has an excellent website under the management of Rich, ND4G. The website has a variety of information, including where to buy logo wear, meeting minutes, copies of presentations, items for sale by members, a club roster, and much more.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce, WA1UTQ, reviewed with membership a synopsis of financial transactions in January. At the end of January the club treasury had a balance of \$6,368.88.

Expenditures included \$1,600 for two Icom IC-7300 transceivers and \$305 for the new 2M Station Master antenna.

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

DXCC Standings

Pete, K2PS, described the latest DXCC standings, member accomplishments, and upcoming contests/expeditions.

Guest speaker program

After a brief break the members enjoyed a retrospective of the recent Orlando HamCation led by George.

General Membership Adjourned

After 50/50 tickets were drawn, George adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by K2DM