



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for January 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.

January 07, 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

Programs: Bob Schwer, K3ZGA was able to secure a commitment from Clint Bradford, K6LCS to present a program on working the amateur satellites with an HT. Clint is an AMSAT Ambassador and Registered ARRL Instructor and has given this presentation to 100 clubs. Clint has agreed to present for our January meeting.

Additionally, George Briggs, K2DM has been approached by Bob Heil of Heil Sound to give a presentation to TVARC. The date is to be determined.

Election of Officers for 2021: Nominations from the floor for all positions will be requested at the January meeting. If there are any nominees, they will be added to the current slate of nominees from the nominating committee. The current slate of nominees includes John Ellis, NP2B, Board Member at Large; Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ, Treasurer; Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary; Paul Nittel, KM4PIH, Vice President; and Mike Regan, KM4ZTE, President. Our current Secretary, K3ZGA, Treasurer, WA1UTQ and Board Member-at-Large, NP2B have agreed to serve another term if elected. Elections will be held at the February 2021 meeting with a simple majority of those members present being required to elect our new officers.

Dues and Membership Renewals: A review of our By-Laws regarding dues was held. The rules state that dues are due at the first meeting attended after January 1st, and that they shall cover the period from January 1st through December 31st of that year. Any member who does not pay dues during that time period will be dropped from the club roster. Essentially, members have the entire year to pay their dues for that year.

Bruce was asked to assure that anyone who paid their dues in 2020 remains on the active roster through 2021, per the club's By-Laws. No one should be dropped from the roster until they have gone an entire calendar year without paying dues.

Finances: Bruce reported on the success of his efforts to collect dues for 2020 and 2021. Several members elected to pay dues forward for 2022, 2023 and even 2024. Ending balance for December was \$6,336.32 including 3 new members and 6 renewals with two paying thru 2022. The current month-to-date total for January 2021 is \$6,637.32.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Schwer, K3ZGA
Secretary, TVARC

January 21, 2021 General Membership Meeting

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

We had one new member who introduced himself this month, Greg, K1MGR.

We had two visitors who are renting in The Villages for a couple of months. Val, NV9L and her husband Jerry, WB9Z. It was nice having "Ham Radio Royalty" as someone commented, visiting with us.

The nominating slate for Officers for 2021 was presented and the floor was open for additional nominations. There were none. Our officers for 2021 to be voted upon at our February meeting are:

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

Bruce, WA1UTQ presented the Treasurers report. He reported 3 new members and 6 renewals. Our total funds as of 12/31/2020 are \$6,336.32 giving us sufficient money to operate the club for 2021.

Our program for the evening addressed operating through the Amateur Satellites. It was presented by Clint Bradford, K6LCS. Clint is an AMSAT Ambassador and ARRL Instructor. He presented a lively and informative program.

Posted by Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary