



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for January 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.

January 6, 2022, Board Meeting 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.

Discussion of Health and Safety Concerns about January 20th Meeting

Board Meeting arrangements – it was confirmed that we will continue using Zoom for Board Meetings going forward. It is very convenient and works well.

Regarding the question of whether we should hold the January membership meeting in person, after discussion and voicing of opinions, it was decided that we would hold our January meeting in person.

Testing Sites for 2022

Rich brought up that while Brad is okay with the recreation center for classes, he requires a more reliable internet connection for VE Exams. He would like to utilize Fire House No. 41 for testing. Rich is going to talk with John Longacre at Public Safety about reserving the fire house for testing going forward.

Nominating Committee for Club Officers for 2022

Mike and Paul are serving on the nominating committee for 2022. As of this date: John Ellis, NP2B, Paul Nittel, KM4PIH and Bob Schwer, K3ZGA are stepping down. The current slate looks like this. The floor will be open at the January meeting for nominees from the floor.

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

Treasurers Report

At the end of December, we had a total of two new members for the month and a total balance of \$10,455.69 on hand.

For January, to date we have three new members and a total balance of \$ 10,496.61 on hand month to date after actual and estimated expenses.

Correspondence

We received a very nice letter from George McBride thanking the club for the Grand Prize at last month's Holiday Party. George won a \$100 Gift Certificate from DX Engineering. He stated it was a wonderful party and expressed appreciation for the organizers and volunteers who made it all possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Schwer, K3ZGA
Secretary, TVARC

January 20, 2022 General Membership Meeting

Our January membership meeting was held in person at Eisenhower Recreation Center, plus via Zoom for those who could not, or did not wish to attend in person. Fifty-Two people attended in person and five more attended via Zoom.

Officer's reports were given and Ken Kaplan, WB2ART gave an update on the club's SKCC activities. Richard Quick is still in need of volunteers for the SKCC booth at HamCation.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged.

An announcement was made regarding the need for a volunteer to be our Contest Group Manager.

There is also a need for a volunteer or volunteers to step up and take over our Zoom equipment from John Ellis, NP2B.

George Briggs, K2DM volunteered to hold a Zoom training program for newly licensed hams and club members. It was a very successful endeavor and during his report he mentioned that he was planning future training sessions.

Mike Regan, KM4ZTE reported on behalf of the nominating committee a slate of officers for 2022. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate. There were no nominations from the floor. The election will be held at the February meeting.

Nominating Slate for 2022

President – George Briggs, K2DM

Vice-President – Mike Regan, KM4ZTE

Secretary – Paul Parker, K3ALP

Treasurer – Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ

Board Member-At-Large – Rich Erlichman, ND4G

Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ updated the club on the November and December Treasurer's Reports. At the end of November our total money on hand was \$11,985.55. We gained 8 new members in November. At the end of December our total money on hand was \$10,455.69. We gained two new members in December.

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 Anthony Luscre, K8ZT who spoke on the State QSO Parties and the 2022 QSO Party Challenge.

Posted by Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary