



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for July 2019

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.

July 2, 2019 Board Meeting

Officers present: President George Briggs, K2DM, Vice President Sam Brown, KB8SB, Secretary Frank Molloy, KA1AF, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ and Member at Large John Ellis, NP2B. A Board Meeting Quorum (5 of 5 officers) was present. Christopher Townsend, W3CST, and Rich Erlichman, ND4G, also attended.

Camp villages was discussed. K2DM volunteered to step in and manage the event for TVARC. The Board approved his purchase of 14 FM radio kits at an estimated \$25 per kit for the event.

The Board approved the sale of additional TVARC items from the storage locker. NP2B will add the Rohn metal pushup mast, the collection of aluminum mast sections and a headset to the list of items for sale.

The Board received an alert from a TVARC member that some recent meeting minutes had not yet been posted on the club website and that the inventory listing was incomplete. It was unanimously agreed that these items would be addressed posthaste.

K2DM announced that he had secured meeting rooms at the Eisenhower Recreation Center for the upcoming Technician Class because the usual room at the fire station would not be available.

The Board decided to hold a raffle at the August meeting for equipment that was asked to be given away. It was decided that the free raffle would be fair and give everyone who was interested a chance.

July 18, 2019 General Membership Meeting

51 of 171 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. This included 9 new members. There was a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

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The club extended well wishes to Frank, KA1AF, who had recently suffered a mild heart attack. Three stents later he is doing fine.

K2DM described a free raffle that will be held at the August club meeting to give away equipment per the wishes of a ham who had gotten out of the hobby. The equipment to be raffled can be found on the TVARC website. The equipment will be displayed on a table at the back of the meeting room, and a small container will be placed in front of each item. Any members who are interested in a particular item will be given a ticket upon which they will write their name/callsign and deposit the ticket in the container associated with that item. During the break, one ticket will be drawn from each container, and the person whose ticket is drawn will receive that item at no charge.

A synopsis of financial transactions since the last General Membership meeting was presented by WA1UTQ. Bruce also gave a report on the status of the club's repeaters, one of which suffered a lightning strike recently. The repeater was repaired quickly, and both repeaters are functioning well.

K2DM thanked the TVARC repeater committee (K4LFK, WA1UTQ, W2TR) and Echolink host W8APE for their work on behalf of the club, and especially for getting Echolink back in service so quickly after the recent outage.

K2DM reported that Camp Villages was a big success. All eight of our campers got their FM radio kits to work right away, and many then spent time at the CW table set up by NV1U. Thanks to all of the TVARC volunteers who made this such a successful event.

NP2B summarized the TVARC equipment that is for sale on the club website and noted which items had been spoken for. A steel Rohn push up mast and a 2M FM radio are the two main items remaining.

Issues requiring membership votes did not occur during this meeting.

The evening's program was a Field Day wrap up presented by Mike, KM4ZTE. His slides are included at the end of the meeting slides, which are posted on the club's website.

Posted by K2DM and NP2B on behalf of KA1AF, Secretary