



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for June 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.

June 6, 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.

The following visitors attended the Board Meeting: Earle: W1IPN, Chris: W3CST, Rich: ND4G, George: W4GOR, Tom: NV1U, and Ron: K4YCW.

K2DM announced that he had purchased 12 kits for Camp Villages at a cost of approximately \$300. The board voted to reimburse George.

The board then discussed the disposition of donated equipment that had been offered to the club. It was agreed that this equipment would either be for sale by open bid at a future meeting or given away or thrown away but not added to the club inventory.

John, NP2B, asked for disposition of the club's Compaq laptop. It was agreed that we would put it on the back table at a future club meeting.

The board then agreed to put on the club website, the old push up mast that was in our inventory.

Earle then presented a Certification of Appreciation for TVARC participation and support to the MS Walk. The board agreed that a copy would be put on the club's website and the original would go to the club storage for future display.

George, W4GOR, stated that TVARC participation in the Lake County Hurricane Expo was well received, a good success and that Lake County officials were glad that we came to the event.

There was a general discussion about some sort of shelter, shade device for TVARC events and volunteer event participations. No decision was reached at this time.

John, NP2B, then presented a bill for \$135, for coax and parts. This was a previously approved expense and the bill was given to Bruce for payment.

Bruce provided a preliminary Treasurer's Report. There were no issues and the final report will be provided at the next meeting.

The board discussed the request from Cal, WA3CTZ, for 8 copies of the new General Class manual to be used for the next classes. After discussion, the board approved the purchase of 10 student guides (8 for class students + 1 for Rich, ND4G +1 spare) and 1 Teacher Guide. Cal will make the purchase.

George, K2DM, announced that although we do not have a chairperson for the 2019 Field Day activities, we do have a committee working diligently on this event. The committee members are George/K2DM, Frank/KA1AF, John/NP2B, Mike/KM2ZTE and Ken/WB2ART.

There will be two stations, one generally for SSB and one generally for FT8. A special thanks to the generosity of George, K2DM, for the loan of a 500W Power Amp for the SSB station as well as for the other items George has donated. The FT8 station is possible due to the generous loan of an ICOM IC-7300 by Earle, W1IPN. It was announced that the intent of the committee is to get members on the air. The committee is more interested in letting people operate during Field Day than trying for the highest score. This is to be a fun event for the membership.

John, NP2B, asked the board for permission to purchase cable reels to be used for the storage of coax cables. The board approved \$50 maximum for the purchase of 3 reels.

Bruce, WA1UTQ, announced that there are no issues with the club's repeaters.

As discussed at one of the early meetings of the present board, a committee will be established to review and recommend changes to the present TVARC By-Laws and Constitution. Although some recommended changes and some general guidance to changes were discussed, no decisions on any changes were agreed upon at this time. A committee will be established at a future meeting. The intent is to present the changes to the membership for a vote before the end of 2019.

June 20, 2019 General Membership Meeting

It was agreed that there was a quorum available at the meeting. In addition, there were 4 visitors and several new members at the meeting.

George, K2DM presented an overview of the Board's decision regarding the process to be used to handle donations to the club (equipment, parts etc). See the presentation material for this summary.

Bruce provided the update on the treasurer's report and status of the various repeaters.

The membership was then provided with an update on preparations for Field Day, Camp Villages and a schedule of Technician and General Classes (see presentation for details).

Pete, K2PS, provided an update on WAS, DXCC mixed and DXCC FT8 counts by our members. Specifics are on the website and updated each month.

Following the business meeting, we had a presentation on HRD Software by Kevin Young, KC7FPF. The presentation was well received by the members of TVARC.

Minutes Posted by KA1AF, Secretary.