



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for March 2020

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.

March 5, 2020 Board Meeting

Officers present: President George Briggs, K2DM, Vice President Mark Graybill, W8BIT, Secretary Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ. Board Member-At-Large, John Ellis, NP2B. A Board Meeting Quorum (5 of 5 officers) were present. Steve Sawicki, AB2ET, was also in attendance.

Being the first meeting of the new board, K2DM introduced the new board members, Mark Graybill and Bob Schwer.

George handed out a board meeting calendar for 2020 and asked everyone to review for conflicts or travel plans and be prepared to discuss at next month's meeting.

The Silent Auction held at the last membership meeting was deemed a success and generated \$136 for the club.

The license classes are now complete. Brad Castelli, KN9B, has reported that there were 22 students among the three license classes held. Adjusting for walk-ins, Lead VE, Rich Erlichman, ND4G, has potentially 30 people taking exams on March 9th.

The MS Walk on March 14th is on schedule and on plan. Volunteers from TVARC will provide communications support from golf carts positioned along the route. We will be using 446.150 with a PL of 103.5 Hz.

Mark Graybill, W8BIT, will head up the Radio Rodeo in Brownwood in April. Mark is going to attempt to secure April 11th as our preferred date and April 25th as a backup date. April 4th has an event conflict and April 18th is the Gainesville Hamfest, which is popular with club members. Rich Erlichman, ND4G, is going to set up Punchbowl for members to volunteer their time and equipment for the event.

Field Day was discussed. Bruce talked with Sumter County and confirmed that they will deliver the Sheriff's EmComm trailer anywhere in Sumter County for our use on Field Day. The past year's location of The Sheriff's Annex is still under consideration, but, pursuing a more public location at Eisenhower or Rohan Recreation Centers is being considered. A request for permission to use one of those sites has been presented to John Rohan. The initial response was to ask for more details, which were provided. We are currently awaiting a response.

We need a Committee Chair for Field Day. Steve Sawicki, AB2ET, has volunteered to serve as Co-Chair for the TVARC Field Day 2020.

The Hurricane Expo was discussed. It typically is held the first week in May, but, the date has not yet been announced. We believe it will be held at Savannah Center.

The new repeater controller was discussed along with the best way to educate the club members to the benefits of this new controller. More repeater use is a desirable goal. A club presentation on the controller and its expanded features was suggested. Our Crack Repeater Team will be tasked with preparing this program.

A future presentation was discussed for George, K2DM, to share the history and development of a contest station on The Land. This will be scheduled for an upcoming general membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report: We have 8 new club members. We gained \$136 from the proceeds of the Silent Auctions. We had no expenses in February. We have a current balance of \$4,735.89.

March 19, 2020 General Membership Meeting

Due to the National Emergency of the Coronavirus Pandemic, our March General Membership Meeting had to be cancelled.

Officer and Key Committee Reports have been incorporated into the Monthly Power Point and posted to the Club's Website.

Posted by K3ZGA, Secretary



By-Laws of The Villages Amateur Radio Club

Approved February 20, 2020

I. Board Meetings

1. The Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member At Large.
2. The Board shall hold regular meetings monthly. Additional meetings may be held at any time when the majority of Officers deem it necessary.
3. A majority of Officers constitutes a quorum for a Board Meeting. In absence of a quorum, no action shall be taken except to adjourn the meeting.
4. Passage of a motion requires a simple majority.
5. Any expenditure of TVARC funds, property transaction or contractual agreement must be approved by the Board. A simple majority is required for approval.
6. Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board members to fill the remainder of the term of the position vacated.

II. General Membership Meetings

1. General Membership Meetings shall be held monthly. Additional meetings may be held at any time when the majority of Officers deem it necessary.
2. Notice of issues requiring membership votes shall be made at least one meeting before the vote is to be taken.
 - a. Advance notice for membership votes may be waived by a two-thirds vote of the membership present.
 - b. Twenty-five percent of the membership constitutes a quorum for issues requiring membership vote.
 - c. Note: The simple majority required to pass an issue is different from the 75% vote required to pass an amendment as outlined in the Constitution, Article V.

III. Dues

1. The annual membership dues shall be \$12.00 per person, due at the first meeting attended after January 1st, and shall cover the period from January 1st through December 31st of that year.

2. New members joining and paying the membership dues after July 31st shall be considered paid for the current year as well as the following year.
3. Any member who is in arrears of dues after December 31st shall be dropped from membership and from the club reflector (if they had joined the reflector).
4. Dues cannot be reimbursed or prorated.



Constitution of The Villages Amateur Radio Club

Approved February 20, 2020

Preamble: The name of this club is The Villages Amateur Radio Club, referred to herein as TVARC. The purpose of this not-for-profit club is to provide a means for the members to advance the common interest in the science of Amateur Radio and to support The Villages community through public service.

Article I. Membership

1. Any person interested in Amateur Radio communications is eligible to apply for membership.
2. Guests of TVARC members may participate in any TVARC activity. TVARC members will be given first consideration over guests to participate in TVARC events.

Article II. Officers

1. Officers must be FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operators, current TVARC members, current ARRL members and residents of The Villages.
2. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member at Large.
3. The officers shall serve without pay.
4. Officers shall be elected during TVARC's February General Membership Meeting by a majority vote of the membership present. The term of office begins at the close of the meeting in which the election was held. The outgoing officers are responsible for posting the minutes of that meeting.
5. Officers shall serve approximately a one-year term ending at the close of the meeting in which the next election is held.

Article III. Duties of the Officers

1. President
 - a. The President shall preside at all meetings and perform other duties as associated with the office.
 - b. The President may appoint standing and ad hoc chairperson(s) as needed for terms within the duration of the President's term in office.

- c. The President shall request nominations for Officers during the November and January General Membership Meetings. Candidates nominated for Officers shall be presented during TVARC's January General Membership Meeting. Candidates may address the membership during TVARC's January General Membership Meeting.
 - d. The President shall assume the duties of the Treasurer on an interim basis, until a replacement Treasurer is elected, if the Treasurer is not able to perform their duties for any reason.
 2. Vice-President
 - a. The Vice-President shall perform any duties assigned by the President.
 - b. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President on an interim basis, until a replacement President is elected, if the President is not able to perform their duties for any reason.
 3. Secretary
 - a. The Secretary shall record the minutes of Board Meetings.
 - b. The Secretary shall record the minutes of General Membership Meeting proceedings.
 - c. The Secretary shall make the minutes available to the membership on the club's website for at least one year.
 - d. The Secretary shall place copies of the minutes in storage where they can be maintained for at least five years
 - e. The Secretary shall record and present to the membership any motions passed since the last General Membership meeting.
 - f. The Secretary shall assume the duties of the Vice-President on an interim basis, until a replacement Vice-President is elected, if the Vice-President is not able to perform their duties for any reason.
 4. Treasurer
 - a. The Treasurer shall maintain records of TVARC's income, expenditures and property.
 - b. The Treasurer shall prepare monthly financial reports and make the reports available to members on the club's website for at least one year.
 - c. The Treasurer shall place copies of the monthly financial reports and all related transactions in storage where they can be maintained for at least five years.
 - d. The Treasurer shall present to the membership a synopsis of financial transactions since the last General Membership Meeting.
 - e. The Treasurer shall assume the duties of the Secretary on an interim basis, until a replacement Secretary is elected, if the Secretary is not able to perform their duties for any reason.
 5. Board Member At Large
 - a. The Board Member At Large shall perform those duties assigned by the President.

Article IV. Censure / Expulsion

1. Members can be censured or expelled for any violation of The Villages CDD Recreation Department code of conduct, fiduciary misconduct or any action that constitutes a criminal act.
2. Censure is public reprimand of an individual for their actions.
3. Expulsion is the removal of an individual from any office held and club membership for a period of three (3) years.
4. Censure or expulsion may be proposed by any member at a General Membership Meeting by stating the specifics of the misconduct in a motion. The motion must include who was a party to the misconduct, the specific nature of the misconduct, when it occurred and any other relevant information. The member must be able to supply evidence to support the accusation.
5. If the motion is seconded and approved by a majority vote of the members present, it shall constitute notice of issues requiring a membership vote and notice to the accused.
6. At the next General Membership Meeting, the accused will be allowed to appear and present a defense before the members in attendance, prior to the vote to censure or expel.
7. The accused is censured or expelled by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

Article V. Amendments

1. Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be presented, in writing, to the club Secretary at any General Membership Meeting.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will be read to the members present at that meeting.
3. The text of the proposed amendment(s) shall be included in the minutes of the meeting for members who were not present.
4. At the following General Membership Meeting, the proposed amendment(s) shall be read a second time, followed by open discussion.
5. After members have had an opportunity to voice their positions on the proposed amendment(s), a vote will be taken.
6. If there are multiple proposed amendments, each is to be voted on separately.
7. Passage of a proposed amendment requires an affirmative vote of three-fourths (75%) of the members present.

Article VI. Dissolution

1. The process for dissolution is the same as the process for making any amendment to the Constitution as detailed in Article V.

2. Upon the dissolution of TVARC, the remaining Officer(s) shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of TVARC, dispose of all of the assets of TVARC and donate the proceeds to the American Radio Relay League.