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.

May 2, 2019 Board Meeting

Officers present: President George Briggs, K2DM, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ and Member at Large John Ellis, NP2B. A Board Meeting Quorum (3 of 5 officers) was present. No other club members attended.

Hurricane Expo is scheduled for May 3. Bruce reported that he and George Rutkoskie, W4GOR, went to the storage locker to pick up materials for the event. A handful of club members have volunteered to staff the table at the Expo.

Camp villages was discussed. The club still needs a chair for the event. George will put out a notice on the club reflector.

The club also needs a chair for Field Day. The board voted 3-0 to cancel Field Day this year if no member steps up to chair the event by the end of the May club meeting.

John reported that the ongoing sale of club inventory on the website has resulted in the sale of two duplexers, one dummy load and 100 feet of coax. The sale will continue.

John proposed that he convert some of the miscellaneous wire that is stored at the club locker to dipoles that can be used at the club’s on-air events. The board voted 3-0 to authorize John to spend up to $50 for this project.

May 16, 2019 General Membership Meeting
65 of 152 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. There were 4 new members, and 3 renewals and 8 visitors. There was a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

Officers present: President George Briggs, K2DM, Secretary Frank Molloy, KA1AF, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ, Member at Large John Ellis, NP2B.

The entire set of slides that were presented by the Board have been placed on the TVARC website (K4VR.com).

George Briggs noted the excellent job done by George, W4GOR, at the Hurricane Expo. George, W4GOR then provided a copy of a letter of appreciation from The Villages Public Safety Department. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes. The following members supported this effort: N2AMW, K4WCK, NV1U, AB2ET, N4GOK, WA1UTQ, W1IPN, AB3CR, KK4SIX (my apology if I left anyone out).

George Briggs then noted that the club still had several items for sale on the club website.

Once again, George Briggs asked for a volunteer for Field Day chairperson. He then provided a brief summary of tasks that would need to be performed by the chairperson and his aides. Nobody stepped forward to volunteer as chairperson. It is now quite apparent that there may be no TVARC Field Day activity this year.

George Briggs noted that Don, W1EJM, had his antenna design article published in QST - congratulations to Don.

In the absence of the Vice-President, George Briggs asked members to submit ideas for upcoming meetings.

Due to the absence at previous meetings, George provided a synopsis of the Secretary’s report covering the Board meeting (minutes are provided above).

A synopsis of financial transactions since the last General Membership meeting was presented by the Treasurer.

Bruce, WA1UTQ, then provided a summary status of the club repeaters and the Em Comm repeaters. Details are provided in the presentation material on the club website.

For the Education report, there were 10 people that took the Technician class exams and passed - one continued on to take and pass the General and Extra Class exams. Congratulations to all. The next Technician Class will be in September and a General Class in October.
Rich, ND4G, our Website Chairperson, noted that there is a link on the website to space weather information that should be of interest to all HF amateurs. In addition, information on the Education classes is also included on our website.

Another call was made for a chairperson for Field Day with no replies.

George Briggs then noted that we also are in dire need of a chairperson for Camp Villages this year. The project proposed is the simple construction of an FM radio and experience operating ham radios. No member volunteered for this job.

Our Cookie Monster Chairperson, Karen, K4ZDM, noted that we need a volunteer cookie monster for October.

After a brief break, the evening presentation, “Bits, Bytes, Words, and Pages. How Computers Really Work” was presented by Greg Atfalk(sp). The presentation was well received by the members.

After the meeting, the 50/50 raffle was conducted.

Issues requiring membership votes did not occur during this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Frank Molloy, KA1AF, Secretary TVARC
May 7, 2019

The Villages Amateur Radio Club
c/o George Rutkoskie
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We would like to thank you for attending the 2019 Hurricane Expo as a vendor.

There were approximately 1750 visitors that came through to visit your business. This was a tremendous increase over last year’s 1100.

We hope that your business/organization benefited from the visitors and they left with ideas how to better prepare them for hurricane exposures.

The One Blood mobile reported that blood donations were enough to help up to 42 people!

With the canned food drive, we received enough to fill three 25 gallon containers. This will greatly help the food banks.

Again, thanks for attending and we look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Sincerely

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