



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for May 2021

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 6, 2021 Board Meeting

Due to the continued restrictions imposed because of the Corona Virus Pandemic our board continues to meet via Zoom to conduct club business.

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: Webmaster and Lead VE, Rich Erlichman, ND4G, Past President and Field Day Chair, George Briggs, K2DM

Timetable for In-Person Meetings

Mike Regan, KM4ZTE shared current Pandemic statistics and trends for Sumter County. A discussion ensued about the Pros and Cons of the club going back to meeting in person.

It was agreed that we will offer the meeting via Zoom to those who choose to continue to avoid meeting with non-related, non-vaccinated individuals, are unable to come out for evening meetings or are out-of-state members who wish to keep up with club activities.

John Ellis, NP2B made a motion that was seconded after lengthy discussion that we go back to in-person meetings starting with the July 15th meeting. The motion included the stipulations that we have no refreshments, no 50/50 raffle and that masks are strongly recommended. The motion passed with four in favor and one against.

Field Day

George Briggs, K2DM, Field Day Chair presented an outline of the recommended plan for Field Day. We will utilize the Sheriff's Trailer which will be parked at Eisenhower Recreation Center. Mike, KM4ZTE will confirm that the outdoor restrooms will be left unlocked for our use that weekend.

George laid out a plan to use Punchbowl to solicit volunteers to staff a variety of committees to handle the various aspects of set-up, operating, tear down and public ambassadors to interface with expected visitors.

One specific caution to be taken is to not allow members who come to visit and who are not operating to hang out in the trailer but remain outside or in the lobby of the Rec Center. This will minimize the number of people in the operating trailer at any given time and hopefully keep everyone safer during the event.

Broadcasting TVARC meetings on Zoom

John Ellis, NP2B outlined the advantages of offering this feature to our membership. A discussion ensued about possible equipment needs and procedures to accomplish this. It was decided that John and Bruce, WA1UTQ will meet to share their ideas and come up with a workable plan.

Monthly Programs

May – Presentation by Bob Heil

June – Presentation on Repeaters in The Villages – by Bruce, Len, and Gary

July – Paul is working to secure Tim Duffy, K3LR as a speaker.

It was suggested that Dxpeditons, and Icom products might make good future presentations.

Camp Villages

We will be participating in Camp Villages this year which will be held on July 8th at Colony Recreation Center. There are up to 12 campers expected. Volunteers will be needed to work with each camper as they assemble a snap together FM Radio Kit. We have 6 kits on-hand from last year and Committee Chair, George Briggs, K2DM is ordering 11 more kits.

Hurricane Expo 2021

At our last membership meeting it was announced that The Villages have cancelled the Hurricane Expo for 2021 due to the continuing Pandemic.

Financial Report Update

Bruce reported that the ending balance for April was \$6,290.25. We had seven new members.

So far for May we have two new members and the Income from our last Silent Auction netted \$1,901.31 giving us a total income MTD of \$1,925.31. Our current on-hand total is \$8,215.56

Our current membership total is 229 members.

Other Business

Paul, KM4PIH is working on finding a new source and perhaps a new design for our TVARC mugs which are given to presenters at our meetings.

George reported that our most recent Silent Auction of the Estate of Tom Grosvenor, NV1U resulted in 134 of the 189 items sold. Thirty-three bidders made 322 bids for a total of \$2,368.54. George will be proposing a plan to handle the unsold items from the auction.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Schwer, K3ZGA
Secretary, TVARC

May 20, 2021 General Membership Meeting

Our May membership meeting was held via Zoom again as the pandemic continues. Zoom provided a lively social period prior to the start of the regular meeting.

New Member and First Time Member Present: Chris Pasbrig, W9CPU, Mark Witmer, KC2QEZ and David Vanderwall, N4EGG.

Visitors Present: None

Upcoming birthdays and anniversaries were announced and acknowledged.

President, Mike Regan, KM4ZTE gave introductory remarks. He spoke regarding the Board's plan to go back to in-person meetings by July and confirmed that John Ellis, NP2B is working with Bruce, WA1UTQ to develop and plan to have our future meetings available to the membership via Zoom.

George Briggs, K2DM provided an update on our plans for Field Day to be held at Eisenhower Recreation Center. He also updated us with the status of Camp Villages. We will need 12 volunteers to run this event. George reported the success of our two

recent silent auctions. About 50 items remain unsold and George is going present the board with a plan to dispose of those items. The biggest item is Tom's NV1U Kenwood HF radio. George proposed listing it for sale on eBay.

Bruce, WA1UTQ presented the Treasurer's Report for April. He reported 6 new members. Our total funds on-hand as of the end of April are \$6,291.54. The proceeds from our two silent auctions were remarkably successful leaving us with on-hand funds of \$10,851.39 month-to-date for May.

Peter Stafford, K2PS gave an update on the club members' progress in achieving WAS, DXCC, FT8/FT4 progress and upcoming contests and Dxpeditions.

Our program for the evening was presented by Bob Heil, K9EID of Heil Sound. Bob presented an information packed program along with a fascinating lookback at his life and career.

Posted by Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary