



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for November 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.

### **November 7, 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. There were no visitors.

George reminded the board that he will not attend the November club meeting. Sam will preside at that meeting in George's absence.

Sam pointed out that there will be two people necessary to set up the canopy for the Radio on the Square event. This information will be passed on to Tom, NV1U as well as a request for a status update.

George noted that he will be working with Karen, K4ZDM, for organizing the upcoming Holiday party in December. Rich, ND4G, will be setting up a new app on the website for people to sign up for the party and to organize who will be bringing what food items. Announcements will be on the Reflector and at the next membership meeting. There was a discussion regarding eligibility for the door prizes. By a vote of 3 to 2, it was decided that only members would be eligible.

George indicated that he was in the process of updating the membership of the clubs Reflector.

John Ellis, NP2B, volunteered to find volunteers for the Board member nominating committee.

The board then reviewed the process required for voting on the proposed update to the By-Laws and Constitution. The structure of the meeting will follow the normal agenda

with the discussion and voting taking place after the normal meeting agenda and prior to the evening presentation.

George noted that the 21 meeting rooms for the upcoming license classes was all set.

The 25ft Rohn mast had been offered to the members of the club with no takers. During the meeting the board (with the president abstaining) agreed to accept a \$20 offer from George, K2DM.

### **November 21, 2019 General Membership Meeting**

71 of 196 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. This included 4 new members. There was a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

Officers present: Vice President Sam Brown, KB8SB, Secretary Frank Molloy, KA1AF, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ, Member at Large John Ellis, NP2B.

Sam, KB8SB, updated the members on the status of membership updates to The Reflector. He then reiterated that the Holiday party was planned for December 19 at 6:00pm, at the Eisenhower Recreation Center.

Sam then reminded the members that Radio on The Square was still on schedule for Saturday, November 30 at Sumter Landing.

Sam then provided an update to the Ocala Hamfest relocation.

Karen, K4ZDM, provided an update on sign ups for Cookie Monsters. Then Karen gave a thorough presentation on the method of signing up for the Holiday Party using the Punchbowl application. The sign up is via the TVARC website. A copy of the presentation is included on the TVARC website.

Sam, KB8SB, noted the presentation on FT8 Standings Matrix following the business meeting.

Frank, KA1AF, provided a quick summary of the November Board meeting.

John, NP2B, identified the new nominating committee for next years board. John then described the UHF Vertical that would be offered for sale 'at a reasonable' price (best offer). Information is available on the club website.

Rich, ND4G, then provided a brief update on the status of the clubs website and the addition of the Punchbowl application.

It was then noted that the results of the most recent amateur radio class and exam resulted in 7 new Technicians and General Class hams.

Bruce, WA1UTQ, presented the Treasurer's report noting a balance of \$4,582.30. Bruce then provided a brief update on the status of the club's repeaters.

Frank, KA1AF, then provided the updates to the Mixed DXCC, FT8 DXCC and WAS standings for the club. Details are available on the website. Frank then outlined the upcoming DXpeditions. Of special note was the group of TVARC members that were participating in the CQWWCW contest from Montserrat under the call VP2MDM. The team consisted of George, K2DM; Pete, K2PS; Ed, K2TE and Wayne, N4FP.

Sam, KB8SM, then opened the discussion of the proposed update to the By-Laws and Constitution. After identifying the committee responsible for proposing the changes, Sam gave a summary outline of the basic changes. At this point, the floor was opened for discussion on the proposed changes. The members were reminded that this was a complete rewrite of these documents and therefore the vote would be to accept or reject the new documents.

After some discussion, a vote was taken. The total membership at this time, is 196 (including new members) meaning 49 were required for a quorum. The signed in membership was 71. A vote was then taken and 36 voted in favor. This did not meet the 75% requirement for passing changes to these documents and therefore the proposal was rejected.

The meeting was adjourned and, after a short break, the presentation "FT8 Standings Matrix Program" was given by Dave Mains, NO4J.

Minutes Posted by KA1AF, Secretary.