



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for November 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.

### **November 05, 2020 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 George Briggs, K2DM, Secretary Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ. Board Member-At-Large, John Ellis, NP2B and Vice President Mark Graybill, W8BIT.

Guests in attendance included: Tom Grosvenor, NV1U, and Rich Erlichman, ND4G

Officers and Nominating Committee was discussed. George and Mark will handle the Nominating task. We need to fill the President and Vice-President positions at the least. The other officers have expressed a willingness to continue serving the club in their current positions. Potential candidates were discussed, and the list was split between George and Mike.

Silent Auction Results: Our two-internet conducted silent auctions successfully sold items donated to the club. In the first one, eight members successfully bid on desired items and we raised \$557. Several items not sold were subsequently sold on eBay for an additional \$50.63. A second auction held in October netted \$1,115.62 for the club. George is going to post a reminder to the membership that anyone cleaning out their shack and wanting to donate equipment to the club that we will hold another auction in the future for those donations.

Education: Brad Castelli will be teaching Technician and General licensing classes in January. George is finalizing room reservations for Eisenhower Recreation Center. Rich, ND4G our lead VE is set for testing on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Technician Class	Mondays, January 11th thru February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6 to 9 PM
General Class	Tuesdays, January 12th thru February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6 to 9 PM
Testing / VE	Monday, March 1st	6 to 9 PM

Finances: Bruce reported that dues for 2021 are still coming in and a number of members are paying forward for 2022 and even 2023 to help out the club financially during these Covid-19 times, especially since we are not gaining funds from our usual 50/50 raffles at club meetings. Ending balances for October were \$5,017.20 including 15 new members and 57 renewals with 8 paying thru 2022. The preliminary November balance is \$6,359.49 including 5 new members, 7 renewals and 1 paying through 2022. Insurance bills and Website domain renewals are forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted  
Bob Schwer, K3ZGA  
Secretary, TVARC

## **November 19, 2020 General Membership Meeting**

Forty-Three members were present at this meeting. There was one new member, Larry. K4LES and one visitor, Brian, VE1JBC from Nova Scotia in attendance.

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.

The meeting was again held via Zoom. The social time prior to the start of the business meeting was well attended and enjoyed by the members.

George, K2DM, gave a recap of the results of our October online silent auction. The club netted \$1,115.62. Fourteen club members made purchases. A Radio Shack Low Pass Filter was the only item not purchased. George offered it for free to anyone interested.

This being time for election of officers, George made a plea for members to consider serving the club in this capacity. We especially need a President and Vice President for 2021. All positions are available, but our current Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member-at-Large have agreed to be on the ballot for this coming year.

Bruce, WA1UTQ updated the membership on the status of our treasury and our repeater program during the business meeting. Bruce reported that during October we had 13 new members and 57 renewals. Our club balance at the end of October was \$5,017.20. He reminded us that dues for 2021 are now being accepted and reviewed the process for submitting them.

Pete, K2PS updated the membership on the standings in our DXCC, WAS and FT8/4 efforts. Pete also informed us of upcoming contests to be held in the next month.

Our program for the evening was provided by Harold Kramer, WJ1B. Harold presented several his antique keys along with some of their history.

George announced that our annual Holiday Party has been cancelled for December and will announce later if we are going to have a December meeting.

Posted by Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary

