



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for November 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.

### November 4, 2021, Board Meeting

As zoom has proven to be a very convenient vehicle by which to conduct club business, we are continuing to hold our board meetings via this method.

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: Past President, George Briggs, K2DM, and Webmaster, Rich Erlichman, ND4G.

### **TVARC Contest Group Manager**

Frank, KA1AF has asked to be relieved of his duties as TVARC Contest Group Manager. Following a discussion about the value of this activity to TVARC it was proposed and agreed that Mike will announce that the club is looking for someone to assume the duties of this position.

### **Nominating Committee for club officers for 2022**

Mike and Paul have agreed to serve on a nominating committee for 2022. The board would like to have a third person to agree to serve.

Positions to be filled include, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member-at- Large. Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ has expressed a willingness to serve another term as Treasurer.

## **Holiday Party – December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Arrangements have been completed for a catered holiday party to be held on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 6pm and the set-up helpers will have access to the room at 4:30.

John Ellis, NP2B is going to purchase \$250 worth of FMK gift certificates for prizes. A \$100 gift certificate has been given to us by DX Engineering. George Briggs, K2DM is working with QSL provider KB3IFH for the club to purchase a TVARC QSL card or Eyeball QSL as a door prize for a club member.

An announcement will be made at the November membership meeting that registration is open and Punch Bowl will be turned on for members to RSVP and select their dinner entrée choice.

## **November Meeting Program Changes**

Paul had two program plans not work out for November leaving him without a program for the evening. George Briggs, K2DM has stepped up, agreeing to provide a program on flagpole antenna installations in The Villages. This idea was spurred by a recent email from a member asking for information on this type of antenna installation. Several board members helped by providing pictures and notes on various options successfully deployed in The Villages.

## **Elmer Program**

Rich Erlichman, ND4G requested clarification on how to handle Elmer requests. The club does not have an Elmer Committee. The board advised Rich to continue sending requests to the board and it would determine who best to refer the request to.

## **Treasurers Report**

Bruce reported that reporting issues continue with the credit card system. Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ and Rich Erlichman, ND4G continue to work to resolve the issues.

At the end of October, we had a total of 15 new members for the month and a total balance of \$11,482.50 on hand.

For November to date, we have had 4 new members join so far and have a total balance of \$11,526.07 on hand month to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Schwer, K3ZGA  
Secretary, TVARC

## **November 18, 2021      General Membership Meeting**

This was, thankfully, another month where we were able to go back to meeting in-person. We had 45 members attending in-person and 8 attendees via Zoom.

Birthdays and anniversaries were announced and acknowledged.

Our President, Mike Regan, KM4ZTE spoke about the clubs' resources to help new hams wanting Elmering and invited the people to sign up on the K4VRC website.

The club is currently in need of finding a new TVARC Contest Group leader. Mike made a request for a member interested in contesting to step forward to volunteer.

Licensing classes have been going strong this year thanks to Brad, KN9B and Rich, ND4G. Congratulations were offered to all who earned a license or upgraded an existing license during the past year. Extra Class study classes will be starting on January 31<sup>st</sup> and run through February 2022.

It is almost time again to select new Officers for 2022. Mike Regan, KM4ZTE and Paul Nittel, K4PIH are serving as the nominating committee. Members willing to serve in one of the Officer positions were urged to talk to Mike and Paul.

Next month will be our Annual Holiday Party. It was announced that the party will be free to members. A traditional Turkey or Ham dinner will be catered by Bob Evans Restaurant. Music will be provided by the musical couple Take 2. Members need to reserve one of the 80 available seats by utilizing Punchbowl, accessed by going to the club website at [www.k4vrc.com](http://www.k4vrc.com).

Ken, WB2ART reported on the results of the November SKCC Weekend Sprintathon. Bob, K3ZGA and George, K2DM operated under the club's call, K4VRC and made 76 contacts with SKCC members in 27 states plus DC. Manitoba and Ontario and Portugal were also worked. Members wanting to operate in SKCC events using the club's call should contact Ken to coordinate times and bands.

Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ presented the Treasurer's Report for October. Bruce reported 15 new members in October. Our current total membership stands at 214. Our total funds on hand as of the end of October were \$11,428.50. Bruce also reported on the status of our repeaters and the various nets and net content available on local repeaters.

Pete Stafford, K2PS gave an update on club member's progress in achieving WAS, DXCC, FT8 standings and progress towards members personal operating goals. He also updated us on upcoming contests and Dxpeditions.

Our program for the evening was presented by George Briggs, K2DM about Vertical Flagpole Antenna installations in The Villages. It was an entertaining and informative program that was well received by the membership.

Posted by Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary