



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for November 2022

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.

I. November 3, 2022 TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

K2DM, (George) opened the meeting via Zoom at 5:45PM. Officers present: President George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE), Secretary Paul Parker, (K3ALP), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ), and Board Member at Large Rich Erlichman, (ND4G). A Board Meeting Quorum (5 of 5 officers) was present. John Ellis, NP2B, attended as a guest.

- It was noted that the October meeting minutes still need to be reported. Paul and George will work on them this month.**
- Planning for Radio on the Square, November 26th, is well under way. Some final arrangements will be discussed at the November club meeting.**
- Planning for the holiday party in December is also well under way. N4FMO is working with Bob Evans on the catering, and they are on board. The board voted unanimously to purchase 5 \$50 gift cards from the FMK restaurant group to give out as door prizes at the party.**
- George asked the board to consider providing a new service to our members. Actually, it was a service provided a handful of years ago. The club would have a number of TVARC T-shirts printed by Custom Apparel, and they would be offered for sale at cost. The proposal was unanimously approved for up to \$200 of shirts in the first batch. George volunteered to order the shirts. As a follow on idea, the board voted to allocate 5 of the T-shirts as door prizes at the Holiday party.**

- The Technician Classes are complete, as reported separately by KN9B. VE testing is scheduled for November 7th. A General Class for January-February received approval from the Recreation Department November 1st.
- The Board members discussed upcoming elections of officers for 2023. All five members are willing to serve for another year, but Paul would not mind stepping down from the Secretary position.
- The board decided to go ahead with the purchase of two Icom IC-7300 transceivers from K2DM for \$800 each. The vote was 4-0 with K2DM recusing himself.
- The board unanimously approved spending up to \$350 to purchase a new Super Stationmaster antenna for our 2M repeater.
- Bruce summarized the club's October financials. At month's end TVARC had a bank balance of \$10,102.41.

George closed the meeting at 7:00PM.

II. November 17, 2022, TVARC General Membership Meeting Minutes

There were 57 of 280 total members signed in as being present for meeting. This includes 4 new members. In addition, 7 members attended via Zoom. There was not a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

Brad, KN9B, set up a table in the back of the meeting room where he helped a number of new licensees from the TVARC license classes program their new HTs.

President's Report

- George, K2DM, reminded the members that Radio on the Square is November 26th, and that final planning would take place later in the meeting.
- We are just about ready for the Holiday Party, December 15th. There is room for 88 attendees. Signups will be via Punchbowl, which will be opened up shortly. Each TVARC member can bring one guest, and the party is free to all attendees. Volunteers who signed up to help with the party: George Briggs, Karen Erickson, Mike Regan, Karen Regan, Maryann Larson and Larry Peterson.

- **The board voted to upgrade the club's radio. We will be selling the Kenwood TS-450SAT and associated components and replacing it with two Icom IC-7300 transceivers. Many club members use the 7300 in their home shacks, so it should be familiar.**

Treasurer's Report

Bruce, WA1UTQ, reviewed with membership a synopsis of financial transactions in October 2022. At the end of the month the club treasury had a balance of \$10,102.41.

Bruce also reported on the status of the club's three repeaters and other repeaters in the area, and he informed the members of the Board's decision to purchase a replacement antenna for the 2M repeater.

DXCC Standings

Pete, K2PS, described the latest DXCC standings, member accomplishments, and upcoming contests/expeditions.

Final Planning for Radio on the Square

George led the members in some final planning for Radio on the Square. We reviewed reporting times and who is going to bring the various items needed for the event. We are ready to go!

Guest speaker program

After a brief break the members enjoyed a video presentation about the eruptions of the Soufriere Hills volcano on Montserrat. The presentation worked very well over Zoom and was well received by the members.

George adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:30 pm

Submitted by K2DM on behalf of K3ALP.