



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for October 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. October 6, 2022, TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

President George, (K2DM) opened the TVARC Zoom board meeting at 5:45pm

Officers present: President George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ), and Board Member at Large Rich Erlichman, (ND4G). A Board Meeting Quorum (4 of 5 officers) was present. John Ellis, NP2B, attended as a guest.

George, (K2DM), noted that meeting minutes were now current on the club's website. Rich (ND4G) confirmed, but noted that the September financials had not been posted. Bruce (WA1UTQ) noted that the final balance had not yet been received from the bank.

Next, George announced that the club has another silent auction ready to go. It will go live October 9 on K4VRC.com and end on October 17. There are seven items in the auction.

We briefly discussed the possibility of buying a new Yaesu repeater to replace our .225 machine, but Bruce informed us that the sale by Yaesu had ended. Bruce took the opportunity to remind the board that the repeater team will soon make a proposal to purchase a replacement antenna for our 2M repeater.

George reported that TVARC had received permission to hold Radio On the Square at Lake Sumter Landing – November 26th. Planning for ROS will primarily be done at our October club meeting, but George outlined some ideas for the event. We discussed PR for the event and agreed that it would be great if we could have Mike (K3DO) record some video with his drone. George will check with the powers that be to see if this would even be allowed.

A discussion about the holiday party was next. Rich had determined that the duo that had performed at our recent parties was not available. We decided to provide our own music for the affair. George volunteered to create a playlist and to work out how to play it through the Eisenhower sound system. We agreed to have this year's party catered, as we did last year. Faith (N4FMO) had agreed to work with Bob Evans to have them cater the party again. Karen (K4ZDM) has volunteered to help with the party. George will solicit additional volunteers to organize the party.

Rich confirmed that the Technician class, with 25 students, is halfway through. A General Class is pending for early 2023 pending availability of a classroom.

John, NP2B, proposed that TVARC sell its Kenwood TS450S and associated gear and replace it with more modern equipment. He was invited to make a specific proposal to the board for discussion at the next meeting.

George closed the meeting at 6:45pm.

II. October 20, 2022 TVARC General Membership Minutes

There were 58 of 280 total members signed in as being present for meeting. This includes 4 new members. In addition, 6 members attended via Zoom. There was not a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

President George Briggs, K2DM, chaired the meeting.

President's Report

George delivered the President's report, which notified the members that we would be planning for Radio On the Square (ROS) at next month's meeting. George also spoke about the holiday party. He informed the members that Take 2 was not available to us this year, so we would provide our own recorded music through the room's sound system. He also told the members that the party would be catered, like last year, and that there would be door prizes.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce, WA1UTQ, reviewed with membership a synopsis of financial transactions in August 2022. At the end of the month the club treasury had a balance of \$9,590.47. Bruce also reported that the club's new repeater had been received, and that the repeater team will install it soon.

DXCC Standings

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

Guest speaker program

After a brief break the members enjoyed a presentation: All About The Long Island CW Club – Howard Bernstein, WB2UZE and Jim Crites, W6JIM. The presentation worked very well over Zoom and was well received by the members.

General Membership Adjourned

George adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:30 pm

Submitted by K2DM on behalf of K3ALP.