



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for September 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.

September 5, 2019 Board Meeting

Officers present: President George Briggs, K2DM, Vice President Sam Brown, KB8SB and Member at Large John Ellis, NP2B. A Board Meeting Quorum (3 of 5 officers) was present. Tom Grosvenor, NV1U, Ron Adcock, K4YCW and Rich Erlichman, ND4G, also attended.

Ron suggested that TVARC might want to make another attempt to sponsor amateur radio in one of The Villages schools. He volunteered to chair a committee to determine what that means exactly and to approach a school with a proposal.

George announced that Bruce had received the reimbursement check from Camp Villages.

John announced that he has secured the door prizes for the holiday party.

Sam suggested that TVARC might reconsider purchasing a canopy to provide shade for our ambassadors during Radio Rodeo, Radio on the Square, and possibly other outdoor events. He volunteered to search for a canopy that would effectively provide such shade and report back at the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed rescheduling of the Technician license class sessions. The closure of Eisenhower Recreation Center due to the threat of Hurricane Dorian resulted in the first class session being cancelled. The Board decided to slide the three classes one week, to 9/10, 9/17 and 9/24, and to hold the exam on October 2. The entire schedule became moot because our instructor, Neil Shulman, was hospitalized just before the first session. It was decided to cancel the class and reschedule at a future date.

The Board discussed the silent auction of equipment that will be held at the September General Membership meeting. The auction will begin as soon as we can set up in the meeting room, and it will end promptly at 6:45 PM. The winners will be asked to pay in the next ten minutes, after which the General Membership meeting will commence. Only cash or personal check will be accepted for payment. During the break between the Business Meeting and the Program members will be encouraged to take (for free) items that did not sell.

The Board discussed the Holiday Party and agreed that this year's party will follow the successful organization of last year's party.

September 19, 2019 General Membership Meeting

A silent auction of equipment donated by Jon Cope was held before the meeting. All of the items sold. \$126.00 was raised for the Club's treasury.

70 of 188 total members signed in as being present for the meeting. This included ten new members. There was a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

Officers present: President George Briggs, K2DM, Vice President Sam Brown, KB8SB, Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ, Member at Large John Ellis, NP2B.

K2DM announced that Tom Grosvenor, NV1U, would chair the club's Radio on the Square event in November.

Ron Adcock, K4YCW, spoke about the possibility of getting one of the local schools to start a radio club and that the ARRL would sponsor it. Ron solicited volunteers to work with him on this project.

Brad Castelli, KN9B, offered to be Chair of the club's Education Committee. Brad will manage the club's license classes going forward.

Ed Nance, N4ZIV, announced two events where amateur radio help was needed. Both are bicycle events, one in Mt. Dora and one sponsored by The Villages Regional Hospital. Interested members were asked to contact Ed.

K2DM reminded members that the nomination for next year's officers was only a few months away.

KB8SB spoke briefly about upcoming programs. As always, suggestions for programs are welcome.

A synopsis of financial transactions since the last General Membership meeting was presented by WA1UTQ. Bruce also gave a report on the status of the club's repeaters,

Issues requiring membership votes did not occur during this meeting.

The evening's program was a presentation by Tom Grosvenor, NV1U on the CW Academy. It was very well received.

Posted by K2DM and NP2B on behalf of KA1AF, Secretary.