



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for September 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.

September 03, 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

As there is a need to continue meeting via Zoom for the foreseeable future, it was decided that we cancel our Annual Holiday Party for December. We need to cancel the entertainment we arranged for at last year's party. Vice President, Mark Graybill, W8BIT, agreed to take care of notifying the entertainment of our decision and see if we can roll our agreement over for next year's party.

Update 9/10/2020 – Mark, W8BIT, spoke with Take 2 Music today to inform them we would not be holding our annual Holiday Party in 2020. They thanked us for contacting them and wished us all well.

TVARC will continue to set up a Zoom meeting for QCWA Chapter 217 to allow their members to gather for chapter meetings.

Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ, reported on the Treasurer's report for August along with the status of our September report. It was announced during our August meeting members can immediately begin sending in their dues for 2021. Our current total of funds is \$3,538.06.

The list of equipment donated by AA2GT was reviewed. An older model Yaesu HF transceiver and remote tuner will be sold on eBay to maximize the return to the club. It was agreed to conduct an online silent auction for the remaining items. Rich Erlichman, ND4G, has created an online vehicle with which to conduct the auction. All items must be for local pickup or agreement by an out-of-state member to pay for shipping costs to their location.

George reported on his efforts to help the family of Bob Hagan, WW8USA, dispose of his ham gear. Thus far he has assisted the family in selling about \$160 of items via eBay.

A discussion was held about the need to define a process for providing an Elmer for those who contact the club asking for help. Most of the requests fall into one of these categories and the following members have volunteered to field these requests:

Flagpoles and Antennas
Programming Radios
AFCI Issues
VE / Education

John Ellis, NP2B
Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ
John Ellis, NP2B
Rich Erlichman, ND4G

Respectfully submitted
Bob Schwer, K3ZGA
Secretary, TVARC

September 17, 2020 General Membership Meeting

Thirty-five members were present at this meeting. There was one visitor and three new members. Bruce reported that we currently have 191 members.

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. Our guest was Mickey Baker, N4MB, the new ARRL Southeast Division Director.

New members present included, Steve Roth, WA4IKU, Lynn Dawson, KO4HIO, and John Morris, W4GD

George, K2DM, informed the membership about equipment recently donated by local hams to be sold for the financial benefit of the club. An on-line Silent Auction has been developed by George and Rich, ND4G and George explained the process for checking out the items online and how to bid on them during the auction. Snowbirds will be able to participate in the auction but must agree to either paying for shipping or arranging for someone to locally pick up the items and hold for their return to The Villages.

Bruce, WA1UTQ updated the membership on the status of our treasury and our repeater program during the business meeting. He reminded all 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 our new ARRL Southeast Division Director, Mickey Baker, N4MB. Mickey introduced himself and updated the membership on key issues being addressed by the ARRL, including the \$50 fee structure being proposed in current legislation. It is important that we respond to this proposed legislation. A deadline has not yet been announced for comments and the League is developing an outline of talking points. It is recommended that we hold off submitting our comments until closer to the established deadline to maximize the impact of our response.

Posted by Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary