



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for September 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.

### September 2, 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 Lead VE and Webmaster, Rich Erlichman, ND4G.

### **Covid 19 Flare up Possible Actions**

A very spirited conversation was held relative to the status of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The board had previously agreed that the September membership meeting was going to be held via Zoom. The board continues to hold to that decision.

As to the October meeting, it was agreed that we should hold off until the October board meeting to finalize that decision. It is the fervent hope of the board that society will get a hold on this pandemic and the numbers of infected people and hospitalizations will drop to a level that will give us the confidence of assuring the safety of our members.

### **Dues and Membership for 2022**

A discussion was held regarding the date dues for the coming year are due and how long members have to become current before being removed from the roster and the reflector. Dues become due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the coming year, (IE: 2022). Members have until December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2022 to pay their dues before being removed from the roster and the reflector.

Bruce reports having difficulties with the arrangements for people to pay dues via credit card and is working to resolve the issues.

### **Treasurers Report**

Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ reported last month we acquired 2 new members and three people paid dues for 2022. Funds on hand as of the end of July were \$10,443.61.

### **Education Committee Report from Brad Castelli, KN9B**

Brad reported the following regarding our education committee.

A successful Technician Classes just completed with all 13 students passing Technician Exams on August 31st also 2 passed their General Exam. The October General class currently has 13 registered and more are expected from the ARRL class listing and PSAs sent to clubs in NFL.

Looking forward to 2022 there are 2 Technicians and 5 Extras registered. It would help increase registrations if the tentative "Amateur Extra Class on Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:45 PM, January 31st through March 7th, 2022" was announced during the September club meeting. Expectations are a 25% chance of an Extra class in January and no Technician. January-February class(s) decisions will be made in early October.

Brad KN9B  
TVARC Education Coordinator

### **Upcoming Events**

The November Radio on the Square event, along with the Annual Holiday Party in December are both in need of event chairmen. Rich has the sign-up software ready to go for both events and Punch Bowl for the Holiday Party is close to being ready for posting.

Due to the concerns and uncertainty of the Covid-19 Pandemic we are unable to finalize a decision to hold these events. Rich was directed to hold off on posting until a decision can be made.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Schwer, K3ZGA  
Secretary, TVARC

## **September 16, 2021, General Membership Meeting**

This month we went back to meeting via Zoom. The current flair up of Covid-19 cases caused TVARC and other clubs in The Villages to curtain in-person meetings.

President, Mike Regan, KM4ZTE gave introductory remarks.

Birthdays and anniversaries were announced and acknowledged.

Thirty members were in attendance.

Ken Kaplan, WB2ART reported on the results of the club's second SKCC Weekend Sprintathon. Three of our members participated, K3ZGA, N0SMX and WB2ART. K4VRC came in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall in the new club category and earned its Tribune status amongst SKCC members. Next month we plan to operate in the WES again and we hope for additional participation from the membership.

Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ presented the Treasurer's Report for August. Bruce reported two new members. Our total funds on hand as of the end of August are \$10,443.61.

Peter Stafford, K2PS gave an update on the club members' progress in achieving WAS, DXCC and progress towards other personal operating goals. He updated us on upcoming contests and Dxpeditions.

Our program for the evening was presented by Tim Duffy, K3LR. Tim is a world class operator and owner-operator of the K3LR superstation. He is also CEO of DX Engineering, and his program covered the latest new product offerings from DX Engineering.

Posted by Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, Secretary