



## **The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for September 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. September 1, 2022, TVARC Board Meeting Minutes**

President George, (K2DM) open TVARC Zoom board meeting at 5:30pm

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.

George, (K2DM), noted that meeting minutes were now current on the club's website.

Next was a discussion about the upcoming club meeting. We have two guest speakers and a guest presentation to work into the schedule. Jill Winters, Executive Producer at VNN will attend part of our Elmer hour and will speak briefly at the start of our meeting. Jim Schilling, Vice Director of the ARRL Southeastern Division will also attend the Elmer hour and address the club during the meeting. Jim is a candidate for the Division Directorship. The after-meeting program will be delivered by two members of the Long Island CW Club.

Bruce, (WA1UTQ), reported that our new repeater is on its way. It should arrive before the September club meeting.

The Board agreed on a date for Radio On the Square (ROS) at Lake Sumter Landing – November 26<sup>th</sup>. George will contact the Recreation and Parks department to obtain permission. Planning for ROS will primarily be done at our October club meeting.

Initial planning for the holiday party was next. Rich will check on the availability of the duo that has performed at our recent parties. We agreed to have this year's party

catered, as we did last year. George will solicit volunteers to organize the party at the coming club meeting and over the reflector.

Bruce's treasurer's report was accepted.

George closed the meeting at 6:30pm.

## **II. September 15, 2022 TVARC General Membership Minutes**

There were 39 of 280 total members signed in as being present for meeting. This includes 4 new members. In addition, one member attended via Zoom. There was not a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

President George Briggs, K2DM, chaired the meeting. In order to accommodate the schedule of Jill Winters, Executive Producer at VNN, we opened the Elmer hour at 5:45PM for fifteen minutes. During this time members spoke with Jill informally. At 6:00PM Jill spoke more formally to the members, telling us how the small staff at VNN puts together the content for their telecast on Comcast channel 2. Her presentation, with Q&A, was very well received.

At 6:20 the cookie bar was reopened, and the Elmer hour continued until the business meeting was started at 6:45. It began, as usual, with the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by introductions of guests and new members and the self-reported birthdays and anniversaries.

Then George introduced Jim Schilling, KG4JSZ, the ARRL Southeastern Division Vice Director. Jim is a candidate for the directorship of the division, and had asked for a few minutes on the agenda to address the members and to answer questions.

### **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.