



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for April 2024

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.

April 4, 2024 TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, was called to order at 5:30. Officers present: President George Briggs (K2DM); Vice President Mike Regan (KM4ZTE); Secretary Michael Hissam (N8NBE); Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ) and Board Member at Large Mike Myers (K3DO). Those present constituted a quorum. Also attending was Steve Walbrun (KD8WAA), club webmaster.

Board Actions:

1. Motion to pay Tessco Technologies \$360.35 per quote/invoice for 125 feet of Heliac cable. Vote: 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Approved.
2. Motion to reimburse club secretary Michael Hissam \$225.00 for expenses for WVLG Radio and VNNTelevision for purchase of 15 announcements (\$15 each) to support Radio Rodeo communication. Vote: 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Approved.

Board Direction:

1. K2DM directed WA1UTQ to forward previously approved \$400.00 to Sumter County Sheriff's office for annual Sheriff's Golf Outing. Office contact is Teresa Cooper.

Board Discussion (Action Pending):

1. **Radio Rodeo:** KM4ZTE submitted a list of items needed for Radio Rodeo, including HT units. This list to be posted on *Reflector*.
2. **Hurricane Expo:** WA1UTQ and W4GOR will, once again, chair this event for the club.
3. **Membership meetings potential programs:**
 - **National Weather Service – Ruskin –** Possible May or June meeting

- **K3DO low-power LORA presentation** - April 18 meeting suggested.
- **Martha Leonard** - Has volunteered to do a presentation on the history of Ham Radio.
- **K2DM and KD8WAA** – Discussed possible presentations to reintroduce the website to club members. They cited possible changes to website content and format.

Financial:

1. WA1UTQ reported financial update.

Additional discussion: Direction, nature of TVARC

K2DM led discussion to answer question of, “What do we want to be?” Several considerations mentioned mostly focusing on helping new operators.

April 18, 2024 TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, President George Briggs (K2DM), opened the meeting at 6:45. There were 65 members and 3 guests attending in person. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance, after which new members and visitors were asked to introduce themselves. This was followed by members announcing significant anniversaries and birthdays.

President’s Report

- K2DM reported that the September 19 meeting at Eisenhower Recreation Center will take place one week earlier (September 12) at the center due to planned closing which will include the September 19 date.
- K2DM reviewed the logistical timetable for Radio Rodeo on April 20. Plans call for two station operation including an FT8 and a Single Sideband/CW arrangement.
- K2DM also reported that the Board approved purchasing the cable for the 2-meter repeater. K4LFK reported that the cable had arrived, and that installation will take place as soon as possible.
- K2DM gave a short presentation concerning the website, illustrating various links.

Treasurer’s Report

Bruce Cusanelli’s (WA1UTQ) treasurer’s report showed total funds in the club’s treasury.

WA1UTQ also presented a status report on the club’s three repeaters.

WA1UTQ and K2DM noted that Hal Lloyd, W4OE, had stepped down as President of the local QCWA chapter, and that Tim Leonard, AA6DQ, had been elected (unanimously) as the new President. Also noted was that Bob Averitt, WA3EWK, shed his Treasurer duties (retaining his Secretary role), and that Ken Kaplan, WB2ART, was elected Treasurer (unanimously). Congratulations to Tim and Ken. The club acknowledged Hal's contribution as chapter president with significant applause.

DXCC Standings

Pete Stafford (K2PS) described the latest DXCC standings, member accomplishments and supplied information for upcoming contests/expeditions.

Program

Mike Myers (K3DO) gave the presentation and discussion about LoRa Meshtastic radio applications.

General Membership Adjourned

After Mike's presentation, 50/50 tickets were drawn. K2DM adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Hissam (N8NBE)
TVARC Secretary