



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for March 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.

March 7, 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.

Board Actions:

1. **Next membership meeting program:** K2DM announced, and the Board unanimously approved a plan to implement an online survey that will focus on members' stations, operations, capabilities and preferences. Survey results and discussion will constitute the program after the business meeting.

Board Discussion (Action Pending):

1. **Radio Rodeo:** K2DM reported the best date would be either April 20 or April 27. He will apply to The Villages for permission to use the Brownwood Paddock Square. KM4ZTE volunteered to lead an organizing committee. N8NBE volunteered to lead media-related activities. K2DM plans to report updated information at the March 21 membership meeting.
2. **Hurricane Expo:** K3DO reported that Marion County will hold this event on May 5. WA1UTQ and W4GOR have volunteered to manage TVARC's participation.. K2DM requested WA1UTQ post on *Reflector* that more participation would be helpful.

Financial:

1. WA1UTQ reported financial update. K2DM advised he would soon give Bruce more money representing the proceeds of the sales of donated equipment. hand over checks to WA1UTQ.

Adjournment: Board adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

March 21, 2024 TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, President George Briggs (K2DM), opened the meeting at 6:45. There were 63 members and 11 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 he had approached The Villages' officials concerning the availability of Brownwood Paddock Square for TVARC use for the annual Radio Rodeo. No date had been finalized. Initial plans for a simple, basic operation. He advised members to note the date and to begin to plan for Radio Rodeo in April.

ADDENDUM: The Villages officials reported March 22 that the Brownwood Paddock Square would be reserved for the TVARC Radio Rodeo on April 20.

Concerning the evening's program, K2DM noted the topic would be a special report from him concerning the just-completed membership operating survey.

He recognized Bob Averitt (WA3EWK) who offered safety advice for the April solar eclipse. WA3EWK said several Villages locations would host safe viewing areas. WA3EWK also advised fellow members of possible radio reception effects above 6-meters.

K2DM also recognized Jim Kvochick (K8JK) who is a candidate for northern Florida ARRL section manager. K8JK spoke of the section manager's responsibility and support for members.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce Cusanelli's (WA1UTQ) presented the status of the club's treasury.

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

DXCC Standings

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

Program

K2DM led a special presentation and discussion about the results of the recently completed membership operating survey.

General Membership Adjourned

After 50/50 tickets were drawn (\$50 in cash and assorted items for three winners), K2DM adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:10 p.m.