



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for February 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.

February 1, 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). Those present constituted a quorum.

Board Actions:

1. **Next membership meeting program:** K2DM announced and the Board agreed to the program for the February 15 membership meeting.
 - a. This program will feature reports, wrap up, photographs and video clips about the Orlando Hamcation. There will be further communication to members concerning personal media contributions in time for the meeting.
2. **Elections to be held at the February 15 meeting:** KM4ZTE is preparing sufficient paper ballots for two rounds of voting.
 - a. The first round of voting will be by paper ballot to assure anonymity.
 - b. The additional paper ballots would be used only if none of the four candidates receives a majority of votes.
 - c. To achieve a majority in the second round only the two candidates who received top votes in the first round will be eligible. The two bottom vote getters will be eliminated from consideration.
 - d. These ballots would be handed out for immediate vote just before the break following routine business reports.
 - e. The initial vote would be counted during the break.

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After the 45-minute period of socializing, President George Briggs (K2DM), opened the meeting at 6:45. There were 53 members and seven 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 reminded members that the election of officers would take place at this meeting. It would be held during the break before the program. He added that Vice President Mike Regan (KM4ZTE) would explain election protocol at that time.

Concerning the evening's program, K2DM noted the topic would be the Orlando HamCation and would feature pictures and stories.

He advised members to note the date and to begin to plan for Radio Rodeo in April.

He added that Hurricane Expo would take place in May. George Rutkoskie (W4GOR) and WA1UTQ will once again manage the event for the club. Martha Leonard (KQ4MLK) volunteered to assist.

K2DM urged members to check out the changes on the club website. Our new webmaster, Steve Walbrun (KD8WAA) has made some exciting changes.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ) reported 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.

Election of officers and at large Board member

After the business meeting, KM4ZTE outlined the protocol for the election. Board members President George Briggs, K2DM; Vice President Mike Regan, KM4ZTE; Secretary Michael Hissam, N8NBE and Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ were unopposed. There were four nominees for Board Member at Large. Tim Leonard (AA6DQ), Doug Moe (AD4MO), Mike Meyers (K3DO) and Steve Walbrun (KD8WAA). As none of the four received a majority in the first ballot, the two top finishers moved on to the second ballot. In the second ballot Mike Myers, K3DO was elected by a majority

to serve as Board Member at Large. KM4ZTE confirmed that protocol and club bylaws had been followed.

Program

Following the election activity K2DM led a presentation and discussion about the previous weekend's Orlando HamCation. WA1UTQ proposed that TVARC have a tailgate or swaps table (or two) at the next HamCation. Ken Burstall (WB8PKK) volunteered to set up and organize the club's swap and meet table for 2025.

At the end of the program, Bob Averitt (WA3EWK) advised that the April 8 solar eclipse will see a maximum 53 percent of the Sun covered by the passing moon and that it is likely ham radio propagation will be affected.

General Membership Adjourned

After 50/50 tickets were drawn (\$41 in cash and assorted items for three winners), K2DM adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:40 p.m.