



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for January 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.

January 4, 2024 TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, began at 5:30. Officers present: President George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE), Acting Secretary Michael Hissam, (N8NBE), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ). Invited member Steve Walbrun, (KD8WAA), also participated.

K2DM reported that KD8WAA will be the new webmaster for the club and that the new webmaster would post October minutes to the website. WA1UTQ noted that KD8WAA will also be adding new emergency information to the website.

Election of officers: K2DM reported that board member Candidates K2DM, KM4ZTE, N8NBE, and WA1UTQ were presented as a slate to the membership during the November meeting.

K2DM added that there are five candidates willing to serve as at-large board member:

- Steve Walbrun (KD8WAA)
- Tim Leonard (AA6DQ)
- Ken Burstall (WB8PKK)
- Doug Moe (AD4MO)
- Mike Myers (K3DO)

Each of these candidates is a (verified) licensed amateur, a TVARC member, current ARRL member, a resident of The Villages. They will be presented and may address the membership during the January 18 meeting. A majority vote will be required during the February 15 meeting.

New items:

- The widow of Silent Key Dave Melton (W4WNG) has reached out to K2DM regarding Dave's equipment. KM4ZTE will help concerning that matter.
- The Daily Sun has contacted K2DM regarding a possible article concerning emergency communications. K2DM led discussion as to better sources for the article. KD8WAA, who is a member of ARES and CERT, will talk to Sam Micelli

of CERT and Mark Newby of ARES about jointly working with the reporter. K2DM offered to help should background information be needed.

Membership meeting programs planned:

- January: Ham radio in Monserrat (K2DM)
- February: BaoFeng key operating elements
- March: Antenna work, positioning, new techniques in antenna mounting at K2DM site near Fenney.
- Future possible topic: Troubleshooting.

Treasurer's report:

- WA1UTQ reported the status of the club's treasury.

Other discussion:

- WA1UTQ had requested a card table positioned outside the club meeting room for the club treasurer's use. K2DM agreed to add it to the room layout with the folks at Eisenhower.
- WA1UTQ said that TVARC support for the Sheriff's Golf Tourney would be \$400 this year. The board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.
- WA1UTQ pointed out that the bill for the storage locker will be due soon. The board decided to pay the bill once it arrives and to drop discussion of looking for a better storage facility.
- After KD8WAA dropped off the call, K2DM reported that Steve is investigating establishing a one-time log in for club members to the website for internal information, as well as for signup forms for events being placed on a members-only section of the club website. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

January 18, 2024 TVARC General Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, the president opened the meeting at 6:45. There were 51 members and 3 guests in attendance. The attendees 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 announced that Dave Melton, W4WNG, had become a Silent Key.

Next George reported that the club's holiday party was very successful. He thanked everyone who helped plan, organize and set up the party and everyone who brought potluck food items to share.

George announced that Steve Walbrun, KD8WAA, had accepted the position of webmaster for K4VRC.com, and that Michael Hissam, N8NBE, had been elected by the Board to serve as club secretary for the remainder of the term.

K2DM then announced the slate of nominees for club officers for 2024:

President – George Briggs, K2DM

Vice President – Mike Regan, KM4ZTE

Secretary – Michael Hissam, N8NBE

Treasurer, Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ

Board Member at Large-

Tim Leonard, AA6DQ

Doug Moe, AD4MO

Mike Myers, K3DO

Steve Walbrun, KD8WAA

Each of the candidates for Board Member at Large addressed the members briefly, after which K2DM solicited other nominations. None was forthcoming.

Treasurer's Report

WA1UTQ reported the status of the club's treasury.

Bruce also presented a status report on the club's three repeaters and announced that W2TR had installed a new 220 MHz repeater that he had built. The new repeater is located at The Villages Regional Hospital and operated on 224.900 MHz, PL 103.5, with a -1.6MHz offset.

DXCC Standings

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

Program

After a brief break K2DM gave a presentation about a contest expedition that he was on in 1999 to the Brazilian island of Fernando de Noronha.

General Membership Adjourned

After 50/50 tickets were drawn, K2DM adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted January 20, 2024 by Michael Hissam (N8NBE) and George Briggs, K2DM