



The Villages Amateur Radio Minutes for May, 2023

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.

May 4, 2023, TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The May board meeting was cancelled because K2DM was ill.

May 18, 2023 TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, the president opened the meeting at 6:43p.m. 65 members attended. 14 new members joined in April 2023.

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

TVARC's next big event will be Field Day, which will take place the weekend of June 24th & 25th, with some setup on June 23rd. K2DM stated that he likes to view Field Day as a type of emergency preparedness exercise/demonstration. We are thankful that we will also have the use of the Sumter County Emergency Services trailer. There will be further and more in depth information about Field Day presented at the June 15th club meeting. There will also be a call for specific needs and volunteers to sign up for specific operating times and items to bring to Field Day.

K2DM then presented the call for volunteers for the CERT disaster communications program. Special training will be included in this program. Five TVARC members have currently volunteered to participate.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce, WA1UTQ, reviewed with membership a synopsis of financial transactions in April. The club's treasury had a balance of \$8,189.28 at the end of April.

Following the treasury report, Bruce reported on the status of the club's three repeaters and various other repeaters in the area.

DXCC Standings

Pete, K2PS, described the latest DXCC standings, member accomplishments, and upcoming contests/expeditions including K2DM's Montserrat trip.

Break

FT8 Presentation: Introduction and basics

K2DM presented: what is FT8, how to get started, and major items to look for, and how to generate better results in making multiple contacts. It was well received and a number of requests were made for a more advanced presentation in the future.

General Membership Adjourned

After 50/50 tickets were drawn, George adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:15 PM.