



## The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for August 2022

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.

### I. August 4, 2022, TVRC Board Meeting Minutes

President George, (K2DM) open TVARC Zoom board meeting, 5:30pm.

Officers present: President George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE), Secretary Paul Parker, (K3ALP)), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ), Board Member at Large Rich Erlichman, (ND4G). A Board Meeting Quorum (5 of 5 officers) was present. The following visitors attended the Board Meeting: John Ellis, (NP2B).

First up was a discussion President's report to include upcoming;

1. **Storage Locker** - discussion about the possible relocation to a larger more convenient location, Bruce (WA1UTQ) was tasked with investigating cost and storage unit sizes.
2. **Storage Unit Contact** - Vice-President Mike Regan (KM4ZTE) added to contact list for storage units.
3. **Zoom Broadcast Club Agenda** - President decision to continue offering (General Meeting Zoom Presentation's). Requested that Paul, (K3ALP) secretary manage and setup the equipment needed at club meetings. Paul accepted request. George and Paul will meet with John to review and update process for setting up club meeting / presentation audio and visual equipment.
4. **Purchase of New Club FM/Fusion repeater** - to replace antiquated Motorola equipment. Bruce and George recommend the Yaesu FM/ Fusion Model DR-2X. Yaesu offered Ham Clubs. The Model DR-2X base Repeater for \$700. This offer was for Ham Radio Clubs.
5. **A motion was made** -Vice President, Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE) made a motion to authorize the purchase and Paul Parker, (K3ALP) second. Board Vote was unanimous to purchase the repeater.

6. **Upcoming General Meeting Speakers** - Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE) has scheduled.
  1. **August** - Roland Anders K3RA & Bernie Mc Clenny W3UR will present "The Story of DX" via Zoom.
  2. **September** - Jill Winters of "The Village News Network. Jim Schilling ARRL section Manager running for office. Howard Bernstein, (WB2UZE) & Jim Crites, (W6JIM) presentation on "The Long Island CW Club" via Zoom.
  3. **October** - Anthony Luscre K8ZT presentation, "Successful Operating and Assessing the Effectiveness of Your Station".
  4. **November** - No Speaker as of yet.
  5. **December** – No meeting (Holiday Party)

George adjourned the Zoom meeting at 6:30 PM.

#### **I. August 18, 2022, TVARC General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Forty-nine members signed in for the meeting in person, and an additional seven members signed in via Zoom for a total of fifty-six members attending. This included five new members. There was not a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

Officers present: President George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE), Secretary Paul Parker, (K3ALP), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ), and Board Member at Large Rich Erlichman, (ND4G). Eight guests also attended.

NP2B (John) and WJ9G (Steve) handled the setup and management of the Zoom system for the meeting.

The meeting began as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the introduction of new members and guests, then birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged.

**President's Report** – George thanked Mike for running the July meeting while George was away. He then noted that the club has four new Net Control Stations (NCS) for the Monday evening Ragchew Net: N4GL, NP2B, AD4MO and KG4WJI. Marty (N4GL) will coordinate as the four rotate as NCS.

George thanked Karen Regan for, once again, serving as Cookie Monster this month.

The big news for the club was the announcement that the Board had approved the purchase of a new Yaesu DR-2X dual-mode repeater to replace the 443.150 repeater. Bruce (WA1UTQ) then ordered the repeater on behalf of the club. The repeater can detect, and respond appropriately, to conventional FM signals and to digital signals, allowing club members to continue to use their existing FM radios.

**Treasurer's Report** - Bruce (WA1UTQ) reviewed with membership a synopsis of financial transactions in July 2022. The bottom line is that the club had a balance of \$11,530.59 at the end of July.

Bruce also reported on the status of the club's three repeaters and the other repeaters in the area.

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

**Presentation** – After a brief break, the club enjoyed a presentation via Zoom about DX. Roland Anders (K3RA) and Bernie McClenny (W3UR) gave the presentation, which covered many aspects of DX and DXing.

**General Membership Adjourned** - George adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

K3ALP, Secretary Paul Parker, TVARC